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STANDARD OIL CASE DELAYED

Jury Panel Dismissed Because Made Up Almost Entirely of Farmers

BUSINESS MEN WANTED

Judge Anderson Pronounces For Fairness Throughout New Trial

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The re-trial of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana was unexpectedly delayed today, when Judge Anderson in the United States circuit court dismissed the panel of 125 veniremen because of what he considered the large proportion of farmers thereon. It was a so-called "farmers' jury" which brought in the verdict making Judge Landis' fine of \$23,000,000 in the original case possible, and John S. Miller, of the defense, was prompt in calling the court's attention to the fact that the panel then present for the new trial contained but three Chicagoans, although 80 per cent. of the population within the jurisdiction of the court live within Cook county.

"It looks like design, or if not design it looks like a strange coincidence," commented Judge Anderson, whereupon T. C. McMillan and R. C. Jones, the juror commissioners, insisted with vigor that the latter was the case and the panel had been drawn exactly as in the other case. This the court later admitted to be a fact.

"I don't want to start in with this hearing feeling that there is something unfair," said the court. "We ought to start fair and keep fair. I think this panel ought to be set aside. I will instruct the jury commission to put in 120 names of men of good proportion of whom shall be good business men from Chicago and Cook county. It so happens that this case is tried in a district composed of an enormous commercial city and several rural counties. The company may have a purer, higher moral standard, and a greater intelligence than the city, but that is an open question. However, I am not going outside the issue when I say that if the jury were composed partly of business men who would realize the great industrial and commercial phase of the case, a more satisfactory and just verdict may be reached."

C. P. R. Case Postponed
Nelson, Feb. 23.—At the request of the C. P. R. the sitting of the court of revision to hear the company's appeal against the assessment by the British Columbia government of the B. C. Southern railway's land grant in the Nelson, Golden, Slocan and Port Steele assessment districts has been postponed to March 1.

Fire in Estevan.
Estevan, Sask., Feb. 23.—A disastrous fire broke out here this morning causing a loss of fifty thousand dollars. Kelley's hotel, Arthur Kelley's dry goods and grocery store and Mrs. Scott's dwelling, the latter containing the public library, were completely destroyed. At one time during the progress of the fire it looked as though the whole east and south sections of the town would go, but by heroic efforts of the citizens the flames were got under control. Total insurance \$25,000.

Little Children Burned.
St. John, N.B., Feb. 23.—Three children of T. S. Greator, station agent of the C. P. R. at Holt, N. B., were burned to death last night in a fire which consumed Greator's new home. Three little lads, aged 2, 4, and 8 years respectively, were left alone in the house at play while their mother went to a store a quarter of a mile away. When she returned fifteen minutes later the home was in flames. The frantic mother tried to rush to the rescue of her babies, but was prevented by neighbors, and they were roasted alive. Greator, who was at work at the time, saw the fire and rushed to the scene but was too late. The children are supposed to have upset a lamp while at play.

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Protecting Fish and Game.
Toronto, Feb. 23.—Negotiations are under way between the governments of Canada and the United States by which game wardens on the boundary line of Ontario and Minnesota will be empowered to extradite offenders against the fish and game laws who elude men on one side by slipping over to the other.

Saskatchewan Supreme Court.
Regina, Feb. 23.—The supreme court en banc opened here this morning with all the judges present. The application for reinstatement of B. B. Teed, solicitor, struck off the rolls, was refused. The court is now hearing the appeal of Reeves & Co. vs. Korschun.

For Stealing Coal.
Regina, Feb. 23.—Hugh Matheson, charged with the theft of two tons of coal from the Canadian Northern at Jamieson Junction, was sentenced to nine months in jail, and Chas. Henry Covey, a farmer who received the stolen coal, was ordered to make restitution and to spend three months in jail.

Gold in New Ontario.
Montreal, Feb. 23.—It is officially announced by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway authorities today that rich deposits of gold have been discovered in the neighborhood of Sturgeon Lake, which is reached through Wake station, 160 miles west of Port William. The officials expect a big rush to that point in the spring.

Summer Trains on C.P.R.
Vancouver, Feb. 23.—C. E. Usher, of the C.P.R., made the following announcement today: "During the coming summer there will be three daily trains each way operated on the C.P.R., but only two of them will be transcontinental, the third being direct connection between Vancouver and St. Paul, via Moose Jaw. This means that there will be three outgoing and three incoming trains for Vancouver this year, two to Montreal and one to St. Paul."

MISS SYLVIA GREEN WEDS ONTARIO MAN

Now Wife of Matthew Astor Wilkes, Wealthy Resident of Galt

New York, Feb. 23.—Miss Sylvia Green, only daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green, known as the richest woman in America, was married today in St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal church at Morristown, N.J., to Matthew Astor Wilkes, of Galt, Ontario. Mr. Wilkes, who is about sixty years old, is the great grandson of the first John Jacob Astor, and is said to be very wealthy.

It had been expected that the wedding would take place in the flat in Hoboken where Mrs. Green and her daughter have been living for some time past, and the house there was surrounded by a noisy and curious crowd early in the morning. At about 10 o'clock the crowd was removed for its pains by seeing a cab drive up to the front door. Amid a chorus of applause, Mrs. Green and her daughter entered the cab and were driven to the Lackawanna station, followed by several hundred persons, some afoot and some in hastily pressed delivery wagons. The wedding party entered a special car attached to an outgoing train and reached Morristown a short time after. They were taken to the Morristown Inn, where Mr. Wilkes and others who had come down on earlier trains met them.

The ceremony was simple in the extreme. The bride wore a travelling gown of dark brown, and there were no bridesmaids. Miss Green was given away by Howland Hall, a cousin. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Phil Sturgess, rector of the church. Following the wedding, there was a simple breakfast at the hotel and an informal reception for the party of forty persons. Later the pair left on their bridal tour. Their destination was not given out, but it is supposed to be Galt, Ont., from which place the first rumor of the engagement came less than a fortnight ago.

Great Northern in Vancouver
Vancouver, Feb. 23.—The Great Northern is calling for tenders for the construction of a branch line across the east end of the city from its present tracks to the deep water front of the inlet.

Brant Cavalry Regiment.
Brantford, Ont., Feb. 23.—Sir Frederick Borden has announced through Lloyd Harris, M. P., that Brant county will secure a new cavalry regiment, 300 strong, and provision will be made this session for its formation. A. J. Wilkes, K. C., will be gazetted colonel, and squadrons will be located at Paris and Burford. The Second Dragoons of Burford will be removed to Hamilton.

Marriage Annulled
Montreal, Feb. 23.—The romance of the royal military college cadet and the principal of a ladies' college at Kingston, came to an end in court this morning when the marriage of Augustus Agnew, son of William Agnew, a Montrealer, to Miss Guber, was annulled. The ground was that the bridegroom was a minor and his parents' consent had not been obtained.

Railway Bills at Ottawa
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The Commons railway committee this morning granted an extension of time to the Alberta Central railway company to construct its proposed line. The bill was adopted confirming agreements which have been made between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railway for joint terminal facilities at Portage la Prairie and Port William. The Canadian Northern Railway project for branch lines from Quebec to James Bay and Tadoussac was approved as was also the Pilonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific railway company's bill for a line from Ingersoll, Ont., to Collingwood. This is one of the C. P. R. Ontario extensions.

WOMEN CLAMOR FOR SUFFRAGE

Boston Gets Slight Taste of Commotion After Fashion in England

HARANGUES OF DELEGATES

Gathering at State House Steps Dispersed With Some Difficulty

Boston, Mass., Feb. 23.—Boston was given a vivid reminder of the recent storms about the house of parliament in London, when two prominent members of the militant section of English women suffrage delegates mounted the steps of the state house today and talked for two hours to an interested throng. The two enthusiastic Englishwomen, Miss Rachael Costello, of Oxford, and Miss Eleanor Randall, finally were requested to cease their speeches and the police dispersed the crowd.

The officers of the law met with considerable opposition from women in the throng, who declared that their freedom and rights were being interfered with, and they were obliged to use some force. By the time the legislature opened for the afternoon's session, however, the demonstrators had disappeared. The occasion was the annual hearing before a legislative committee on a petition for the passage of an act entitling women to vote. When the committee room became overcrowded, the suffragettes seized the opportunity to organize a noisy meeting on the steps of the state house. The committee hearing, although it lasted three hours, varied but little from those of the past ten years.

FIRE IN BUFFALO

Heavy Loss Caused By Destruction of Premises of Clothing Manufacturers

Buffalo, Feb. 23.—Fire tonight destroyed the six-story brick building on the northwest corner of Pearl street and the Terrace, and badly damaged the upper floors of two buildings to the north on Pearl street. The loss is estimated at \$450,000. The heaviest losses are H. J. Brock & Co., Wille, Herman & Co., Geo. H. Hall & Co., Frank Cohen and Co., and Chon and Frank. All the firms were manufacturers and wholesale dealers in clothing. The fire started on the second floor of the Brock building. The first alarm was received at 7:30, and nineteen minutes later the Terrace wall went down and the flames were pouring from every window on the Pearl street side of the building. The intense heat set fire to the buildings on the opposite side of Pearl street, but the damage was slight.

A new water tower working in Pearl street toppled over and smashed in the front of a building on the east side of Pearl street, occupied by Bickford and Francis, dealers in leather goods. The stock was badly damaged by the immense volume of water from the tower.

CANADIAN WINS AEROPLANE HONORS

Mr. Douglas McCurdy Makes Canada's First Successful Flight

Canada has just qualified for honors in the world-wide competition for the conquest of the air. Mr. Douglas McCurdy, whose father, Mr. A. W. McCurdy is a well-known Victorian, made yesterday the first successful aeroplane flight ever accomplished in Canada.

The news reached this city last night in the form of a personal despatch from Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, the great inventor and one of the foremost aeroplane experts of the continent, to Mr. A. W. McCurdy. It was as follows: "Baddeck, N.S., Feb. 23, 1909. A. W. McCurdy, 1497 Esquimalt Rd., Victoria, B.C. Douglas flew one half mile in Silverdart today in great style. Half the town of Baddeck present."

GRAHAM BELL.
Mr. McCurdy, who has thus had the honor of accomplishing the first successful aeroplane flight in Canada, was born in Baddeck, N.S., and so the great achievement was performed in his home town. He has already made many successful flights in the United States, but as he is a Canadian, his present feat will no doubt be considered by himself as his crowning achievement.

Dr. Bell, with whom Mr. McCurdy is associated, has had great success with his several aerodromes and the Silverdart, in which Mr. McCurdy has just made his flight, has been looked forward to as his masterpiece.

Liquor Fight in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—A deputaion of three hundred citizens, opposed to the banishment of the bar and in favor of certain amendments to the present liquor law, waited on the government and members of the legislature this morning in connection with the presentation of petitions with 26,000 signatures. T. W. Taylor, M. P., who introduced the several speakers, stated that the signatures on the petitions were all of bona fide electors, and the delegation represented men in all lines of business. The petitions were brought into the legislature this afternoon.

Death of Ambrose Kent.
Montreal, Feb. 23.—Ambrose Kent, who was a member of the commission appointed three years ago to investigate the insurance methods of the Dominion, died suddenly last night, aged 66 years.

To Become Archbishop.
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—It is considered probable that when the house of bishops meets in Toronto on March 25 for the consecration of Archbishop Sweeney as Bishop of Toronto, Bishop Hamilton, of Ottawa, will be appointed archbishop in succession to the late Archbishop Sweetman.

Rural Telephones.
Regina, Feb. 23.—Forty farmers of the Conde district have formed a rural telephone company and have arrangements for connections with the Bell exchange in this city. The rate at which connection is given is eight dollars a year, each rural telephone being made a part of the central system in Regina.

Waterways Treaty.
Toronto, Feb. 23.—Addressing the Canadian club yesterday, Chairman Gibbons, of the Canadian section, international provisions of the treaty, said the commission had done their best to be absolutely honest and impartial in their duties, and that the commission was unanimous on the terms of the treaty that it was absolutely fair, honest and righteous.

Canada and West Indies.
London, Feb. 23.—The Standard thinks that already the dream of certain statements that more intimate political relations may be established between the West Indies and Canada as a result of reciprocal tariff arrangements approaches realization. It will be necessary therefore to keep the ultimate possibilities in mind when the terms of the arrangement are published. Sir Daniel Morris will be the West Indies commissioner.

CONFUSION ARISES OVER BRIDGE VOTES

Vancouver People Propose a Change in Second Narrows Subsidy

Vancouver, Feb. 23rd.—It transpired at a meeting of the joint executive of the local Liberal associations last evening that the subsidy proposed to have been granted to the V. W. & Y. for the second narrows bridge has really not been granted at all. Just how it came about that the \$200,000 is not definitely allocated to the V. W. & Y. is not clear, but the company having realized its position is understood to be making efforts to obtain remedial legislation.

Under the circumstances it is deemed advisable by the joint executive to recommend that the subsidy be offered to any company which is prepared to undertake the construction of the bridge and to grant equal rights to all railways wanting to cross it, and also to provide for other vehicular traffic and foot passengers. A resolution to this effect was passed, and will be pressed on the attention of the authorities at Ottawa by V. W. B. McInnes, on the occasion of his forthcoming visit to the capital.

Should the Dominion government accede to the request the way will be open for the formation of a company in which the city of Vancouver, neighboring municipalities and possibly the provincial government, will hold interests for the purpose of building a combined traffic bridge across the second narrows.

RAILWAY COMMISSION

Order for Connection of C. P. R. and V. W. & Y. Tracks—G. T. P. to Build Bridge

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—The board of railway commissioners for Canada began its session at the city hall this morning, promptly at 10 o'clock, for the disposition of fifty or more cases to be adjudicated upon today and tomorrow, when the commission expects to finish here.

The original order must be carried out and the C.P.R. and V.W. & Y. tracks must be connected by June 1, was the ruling of Chairman J. P. Mabee.

The decision was in answer to a complaint of J. A. Maddaugh that the order made last year was not carried out. The V. W. & Y. and the C.P.R. have tracks close together on the south side of False creek but they do not connect, and there is no interchange of freight. Last year the board made an order for the tracks to be connected, but the ruling was disregarded, and when the attention of the commissioners was called to it today by the complaint of Mr. Maddaugh, the railroads were informed that the connection must be made by June 1. A certain amount of property will have to be purchased by the railroads, and the cost, it was estimated, would run to \$50,000.

Although there were 61 cases listed for hearing, over 30 were struck out or never came before the board. A number of applications by the V. W. & Y. were withdrawn, and the complaint of the trades and labor council that the C.P.R. was running trains from Vancouver without proper inspection did not reach the inquiry stage, for the trades and labor council was not represented, and the case was struck out.

The Grand Trunk Pacific must build a bridge between Watson Island and the townsite where C. T. W. Piper is constructing saw mills and pulp factories east of Prince Rupert. The Grand Trunk Pacific originally planned to fill in the mouth of a little bay in order to get its track across, but if it had been done the Piper plant would be without communication by water. The railway had to decide whether to compensate or build a bridge, and chose the latter course. The grievance against the express companies were aired and will be taken up again at the next session.

USUAL WASTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Extravagance in Connection With Military Buildings at Kingston

PUBLIC WORKS AS BRIBES

Strange Arrangements in Connection With Dredging in Quebec Harbor

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Tomorrow being Ash Wednesday, and a public holiday, the House of Commons put in a busy day, chiefly in committee of supply. The Aylesworth secret commission bill was passed, and there was a short talk about the waterways treaty, but the most of the day was spent in the discussion of votes for public buildings in Ontario.

In regard to his bill, Mr. Aylesworth agreed to add a provision that two magistrates should sit on the summary trial of an offender. He refused to accept the suggestion that the accused should have the right of election of trial under this law, more than under any other. He agreed that the general provisions of the criminal code should apply. Several other suggestions did not receive the approval of the minister, and the bill was finally passed.

On the motion to go into supply Mr. Currie, of North Simcoe, raised the question of the sacrifice of Canadian interests in the making of treaties between the United States and Great Britain. In previous negotiations Canada had always come out second best. The less Canada had to do with the United States in treaty making the better.

The premier thought Mr. Currie should have given previous notice of his intention to bring the matter up. The premier thought the waterways treaty was fair and reasonable, dealing out justice to both countries. The matter then dropped.

In supply there was some warm talk about the cost of new military buildings at Kingston. Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, thought there was no necessity for those buildings. Sixteen new cottages for non-commissioned officers engaged in giving instructions were to cost \$7,000 each, and Dr. Edwards criticized this as rank extravagance.

Mr. Price said that the cost of these buildings was a disgrace to the government, and he was ashamed of it. Dr. Pugsley explained that the cost had been greater because the foundations had to be cut out of solid rock. These had cost two thousand dollars each.

Then the opposition got after the government for having dropped certain public works. They said that hundreds of items had been put in the estimates last year for the purpose of effecting the elections, and the government had no intention of carrying these out once the elections were over. Dr. Pugsley's answer was that the government's course had been rendered necessary by the decline in revenue. Only works of extra urgency were being carried out. In this he had the support of Mr. Osler, who defended the government's course of economy. In the past the government had been guilty of violent and reckless extravagance, without thought of the morrow. Not this year but for years to come, the pruning knife would have to be applied. This was due to the wide expenditures to which the country had been committed.

The insurance bill is to be introduced by Mr. Fielding on Friday. The public accounts committee today opened an inquiry into the contract made by the public works department with Dussault and Lemieux for dredging the harbor of Quebec. The contract calls for 75 cents per cubic yard for dredging and 32 cents for filling in, but part of the work had to be performed by the government dredge, for which the department was only allowed 20 cents per cubic yard. Engineer Valliquette, of the department, explained that while the rate of 75 cents was considered high, in view of the fact that other items in contract were low it was regarded in this instance as being "fair and reasonable." Witness justified the difference between what was allowed for contractors and what was allowed for other dredges working in conjunction were paid the same rates.

BRANDY IN CHOCOLATES

Prosecution of Several Candy Makers and Dealers For Infraction of Liquor Laws

Montreal, Feb. 23.—The defendants in the "brandy chocolate" cases were each fined \$50 and costs, or three months in jail. There were twenty defendants, including the manufacturing firm of Lowmy & Co.

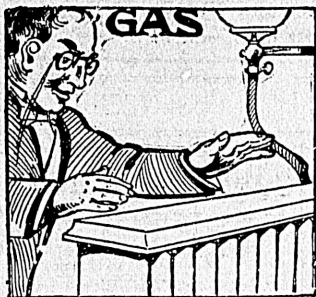
Toronto, Feb. 23.—Following the onslaught upon confectioners of Montreal for selling brandy chocolates, more than half a score of the candy makers and purveyors of Toronto were yesterday served with summonses to court for infractions of the liquor license act.

C. P. R. INVESTMENTS

Company Said to Have Purchased Five Million Dollars of New Dominion Debentures

Montreal, Feb. 23.—A London cable says it is currently reported that the Canadian Pacific railway has just completed the purchase of \$5,000,000 of recently issued Dominion government 3 per cent. ten year debentures for the company's investment account. This does not explain the rapid recovery in the price of the bonds from a discount.

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PREMIER CLOSED DEBATE

Said Liberal Members Lost a Great Opportunity in Opposing Measure

At the first night sitting of the session last evening the legislature advanced the Grand Trunk Pacific bill and the Water Clauses bill one stage each, the latter measure evoking no debate whatever on its second reading.

As for the Grand Trunk Pacific bill the House divided on the measure along purely party lines. Liberals and Socialists lined up against an unbroken Conservative line. When the bill passed second reading the members on the Government side burst into loud applause, as Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) called for "names." The amendment brought in by Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) asking that a select committee of five members of the House be sent to Prince Rupert to investigate conditions was lost by the same vote.

When the House convened at 8.30, the Premier arose to continue his speech, which had begun on the previous day, but he wished to procure the order in council by which the Dominion government in April, 1906, sought to make the province had over to the Grand Trunk Pacific the 13,359 acres of the Tsimshean Indian reserve on Kalen Island, that includes two-thirds of the present Prince Rupert townsite. He wished to produce this order to show the necessity that existed for the Provincial government safeguarding the interests of the people of B. C.

Scored Opposition

If the government, said Mr. McBride, had consented to this order in council, not a member on the opposition benches would have raised an objection. Now the member for Delta was afraid that there was some slight shortage in the waterfront land received by the province in its agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific.

In impressing the Provincial government with this order in council the Dominion government had stated that the whole of this acreage was necessary to the railway for terminal purposes. The Provincial government had made a much better bargain. The intervention of the Provincial government alone saved B. C. the lands that had been the object of so much criticism and investigation by the member for Delta.

The government was merely asking the House to implement a bargain made almost unanimously by this parliament with the Grand Trunk Pacific a few months ago. The Socialists alone had opposed. The press of the province had been unanimous in agreeing to the wisdom of the government's selection of land at Prince Rupert.

Mr. Naden (Greenwood) "What about the paper published at Prince Rupert?"

Press Unanimous

The premier agreed that this paper might have criticised. It always did, he said. He stated in response to a thrust from the opposition benches, that the Conservative press of this province was free in its opinions.

Mr. Oliver (Delta): "What about the Colonist?"

Mr. McBride: "The Colonist is a good paper. It is not a perfect paper, but it is quite as good as any other newspaper, the Times, for instance."

The premier stated that the Opposition members had lost great opportunity to winning the confidence of the people of this country in not rising superior to party motives and joining hands in congratulating the administration on the wisdom of its work at Prince Rupert. How could they now expect to find it in the hearts of the people to place them on the treasury benches of the legislature?

The prophecy made in the press of this country as to the wonderful values that would come to the lots in Prince Rupert was easily within the mark. Citing the cases of Vancouver, Seattle and Portland, the premier declared that within fifteen years Prince Rupert would be one of the most important industrial and commercial centres in the Pacific Northwest. In the time of men of this legislature the returns from the sale of government lots in Prince Rupert would fill the treasury of the province to overflowing.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) to the effect that a select committee consisting of Messrs. Fulton, Garden, Hayward, Naden, and Macdonald be appointed to go to Prince Rupert with the powers of a commission to investigate the conditions and report to the House was voted on, and lost, 23 to 16.

The bill was then voted upon for second reading, the division resulting in the same way.

The bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation (Mr. McBride) passed second reading. This is intended to obviate the necessity of maintaining a special board of examiners at each coal mine, by having a more general board appointed.

The bill to amend the Companies Act (Mr. McBride) also passed second reading. Under this companies may take out free miners' certificates.

The bill to amend the Placer Mining Act (Mr. McBride) giving the gold commissioner power to extend the limits of placer claims, passed second reading.

The bill to amend the Mineral Act (Mr. McBride) was also given second reading. The chief aim of this bill is to compel persons who have taken out certificates of work on their claims to take out certificates of improvements and quality for taking over a crown grant.

Water Clauses Act

When the adjourned debate on the Water Clauses Act came up, Mr. Oliver (Delta), who had moved adjournment, said he had no remarks to make at present. Mr. Macdonald (Rossland)

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said that while he approved of the bill as a whole he disagreed with certain clauses. He said that the powers to be given the commission, that would revise existing records had too great powers. The bill passed second reading.

Reformatory Act Amendments.

The adjourned debate upon the second reading of the bill to amend the Reformatory Act being resumed Mr. Henderson explained that in view of the fact that Mr. Kelso had during his recent visit, fully discussed those matters which he had intended bringing to the attention of the attorney general it did not appear to be at all advisable that he should repeat these statements. But as the legislature of the Province of Manitoba had already passed an act authorizing the appointment of a probatory officer and a judge, as well as the establishment of a home, it might be well for the attorney general during the recess to take steps towards the equipment of this province with similarly advanced provisions at the next session of the House.

In addition the proposal of the attorney general to change the title of the Reformatory Industrial School was in his opinion, a most commendable step. The bill was read the second time. In explaining the object of the bill to amend the Coal Mines Act Hon. Mr. Fulton stated that it provided for the location and the licensing of coal lands which might be covered with water, at all points within the three-mile limit, such applications being placed upon the same basis as was the case under the Land Act, while in providing for the abolition of the royalty upon coal, the changes in the Land Act, which were made during the past session, were being followed. And inasmuch as work could not possibly be conducted continuously in many portions of the province this would be no longer obligatory while the minimum sum which must be expended upon each claim in each year was fixed at \$250 and coal lands could not be sold for a figure less than \$10 an acre. Sub-section 5 moreover provided for the group of claims to the extent of ten in number.

The changes proposed in the act were, however, rather a matter of detail than of principle, the change in the amount which must be expended upon each lease being the sole exception and it was a perfectly reasonable proposition that \$250 should be so expended in each year.

Leases to Japanese.

Mr. Williams urged the introduction into the act of an amendment which would absolutely prohibit the granting of leases to Japanese while Mr. Hawthornthwaite maintained that the aggressive Japanese were invading every industry in the province. They not only constituted two-thirds of the employees in the sawmills but they further openly boasted that they had captured the fishing industry which they intended further to retain in their possession. He insisted upon the government making some provision which would prevent these people from acquiring the remaining unlocated coal lands in the province.

The bill was read the second time. **Private Bills**
Bill (No. 62) intitled "An Act to Authorize the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, to Construct Railways, and concerning other Powers," which was introduced by H. B. Thomson, M.P.P., was read the third time.

The House again went into committee to incorporate the Goat River Water Power and Light Company, which is in charge of Mr. Schofield. Mr. Williams at some length protested against the conferring of such extensive powers as were contemplated in this bill upon any private corporation, and prophesied that if the bill were passed relief would yet be sought by the people who would be affected by this enterprise against the exercise of these powers.

Mr. Schofield explained that three other very considerable streams from which an ample water supply could be obtained existed in this locality. Mr. Jardine stated that the powers conferred by the bill included a radius of twenty miles and Mr. Hawthornthwaite held that as this covered a circle of forty miles the measure was unquestionably a most extraordinary proposition.

Public Protected

Hon. Mr. Bowser, in defending the bill observed that the public interests would be carefully safeguarded by the executive, for these works could not be undertaken until they had been approved by the lieutenant-governor in council, while in addition, no powers would be given under this bill which could not be obtained through incorporation under the Water Clauses Act. Mr. Ross pointed out that the member for Esquimalt had so recently as the year 1907 supported in this house a similar bill, which conceived a radius of not of twenty—but of seventy-five

miles, while the Hon. Mr. Bowser added that this same hon. gentleman had introduced during the present session a bill to incorporate the Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway company, which conferred what might well be considered to be even more extensive powers, although the House had with its usual good sense prevented its passage.

Mr. Jardine stated that the powers in question merely related to the use of water for the generation of steam and electrical power. After some further discussion, upon motion by Mr. Schofield, the committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The House then went into committee upon Bill (No. 56) intitled "An Act to enable the Coldstream Estate Company, Limited, and the White Valley Irrigation and Power Company, Limited, to amalgamate their Water Rights," (Mr. Ellison), and after discussion rose and reported it, with an amendment which was moved by the Hon. Mr. Bowser, providing that water which was obtained for the purposes of irrigation should not be used for power purposes. The attorney-general observed that under the law water which was intended for irrigation stood upon a higher plane than was occupied by water which was utilized for the generation of power.

Westminster Hall

The House went into committee on the bill to incorporate Westminster Hall (Mr. Macgovern). Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) objected to the granting of charters to institutions of this kind. Some countries that were called civilized were today taking steps to get rid of institutions of this kind. The public educational institutions of British Columbia were good enough. Water to hear the opinion of the minister of education on the subject as it would divert patronage from his university.

Dr. Young said that the line of argument advanced scarcely called for an answer. There was a clause in the act providing for the university which expressly stated that there should be no theological instruction in the university. The bill was reported without amendment.

The bill to incorporate the Vancouver and Northern railway was read a second time.

The medical bill (Dr. King) came up for second reading. Dr. King said that owing to certain defects in the bill it had been felt that it should be strengthened along certain lines. There had been adverse criticism to the bill since its introduction, and the criticism was to some extent unfair. It had been found necessary all over the continent to pass legislation of this kind for the protection of the public.

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Mr. Bowser said he proposed to vote for the second reading of the bill. It was a measure calculated to protect the public to a great extent, although perhaps some of its provisions were somewhat drastic. Amendments at this ready on the order paper had done

away in some measure with these drastic features, and he himself intended to bring in an amendment in committee.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) moved adjournment of the debate. The House adjourned at 12.30.

Successful Donation Party

The donation party which took place yesterday afternoon in Christ Church Cathedral schoolroom under the auspices of the Cathedral Women's auxiliary, in aid of the furnishing of the new Columbia coast mission hospital, was extremely successful. Tea was served by the ladies during the afternoon.

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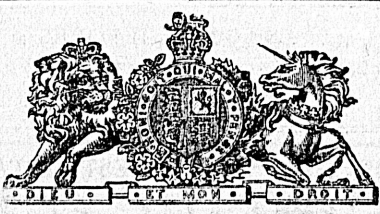
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Victoria's spring kennel show will be held on the 24th, 25th and 26th of April. This decision was reached at a largely attended meeting of the club held last night at the offices of T. P. McConnell, Government Street. While the question of who should be appointed to the important task of judging was considered nothing was definitely agreed on in that respect. But it was decided that cash prizes should be offered, that the special awards already collected should be augmented as much as possible and the entry fee would remain the same as in the past. Meanwhile energetic committees appointed will inaugurate the detail work in connection with the event which, it is believed, will prove one of the largest and best exhibitions ever assembled in this city.

The fanciers are taking the matter up systematically. It was decided last night that the Pointer and Setter club would be left to make just as strong a possible the sporting value of the show. The already have in hand, and it is their opinion that they will be able to procure entries of the various classes of pointers and setters which, both in respect to quantity and quality, will be the best assembled in the history of the Victoria club. Other committees have the remaining classes in charge while a number of ladies have undertaken to guarantee the entry of many of the aristocracy of the feline family.

New members have been elected to the club as follows: Dr. Leeder, F. Clark, C. F. Smith, Miss Whyte, R. D'Arcy and Mr. Styles.

MAY INCREASE CAPITAL

Application of Hardy Bay and Quatsino Sound Railway Held Over

The application of the Hardy Bay and Quatsino Sound Railway for a charter came up before the railway committee yesterday but was held over for today to allow of the incorporators making some suggested changes in their application.

The peculiar part of the application from the point of view of the committee is that the company proposed to build a main line ten miles and branch lines twenty miles in length or twice the length of the main line. On suggestion of Dr. Kergin (Skeena) the bill was held over so that the company might consider the matter in relation to the thirty miles in length and increasing the capitalization from \$250,000 to \$750,000.

Mr. C. J. Prior appeared before the committee for the application. He said that the company had located a site for the Western Canada Pulp company's mill on Marble Creek, a desired communication from Hardy Bay on Queen Charlotte Sound through Vancouver Island to Quatsino Sound. This main line of ten miles it was intended to build next year, but there was no hurry for the twenty-mile branch which was projected down the west arm of Quatsino Sound. Chairman McPhillips pointed out that the policy of the committee was not in favor of giving powers that were not to be acted upon, as it might prevent other railway companies from carrying out their plans in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Musicians' Union.

Sir—As president of Local 247, Musicians' Union, I feel it my duty to reply to the rather misleading letter appearing in last night's Times over the signature of one Thos. J. Griffiths, organizer of the Canadian Federation of Musicians in the first instance, and that the notice referred to by Griffiths was over the signatures of the president and secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, and not those of certain musicians in the council.

I wish to point out that the notice made no reference whatever to the Fifth Regiment band, nor could the inferences be drawn as stated in Griffiths' letter. This thing of continually dragging the Fifth Regiment into the controversy and appealing to patriotism is only the other local's usual cry of distress and is used much for the same purpose as the national flag was in a certain country schoolhouse; for covering a dirty hole.

As a matter of fact, the local to which I have the honor to belong has many times the number of bona fide Canadians on its membership roll as has the other union, so where does this appeal to Canadian citizenship come in? Because we see fit to have connection with an institution on the other side of the line it does not necessarily follow that we are not as loyal to the country in which we live as Griffiths and his kind.

If we are to believe as practically stated by Griffiths, that this other union is really the Fifth Regiment band, I would suggest to him that he is playing with fire when he states that the regiment band is subservient to the rules of any labor organization. This naturally suggests to us, of what use can the C. F. L. be to the Regiment band except as a subterfuge or a means of misleading the public.

Now, the real reason justifying the appearance of the notice complained of is that it has come to our notice, proof of which I can produce, that members of this other so-called union have been representing themselves as being affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council and the Trades Congress, and no other reason than to take an unfair advantage in securing work. It was simply to counteract the effects of such misrepresentation that the publishing of the notice was resorted to.

In conclusion, I might state that the Trades and Labor Council and the Trades Congress of Canada with which we are affiliated, are Canadian organizations, the latter being the largest and most important body representing labor in the Dominion.

S. G. PEELE,
President Local 247, Musicians' Union.

AMUSEMENTS

"The Winter's Tale"

Mr. F. Lawrence Walker, who has for so many years been in charge of the business interests of the favorite tragedian, Charles B. Hanford, reports the most gratifying reception for his star in "The Winter's Tale" which comes to the Victoria theatre, Monday, March 1. This play offers opportunities of a different kind from those of last season's magnificent success, "Antony and Cleopatra." "The Winter's Tale" is less extensive in its demands for showy and superficial embellishments, but more elaborate and varied in its acting requirements. Mr. Hanford assumes not only the

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role of the jealous and afterwards penitent Leontes, whose happiness he robs both of years of happiness, but also the part of Autolycus, whose rascality almost commands forgiveness because of his unfeeling merriment. Miss Drownah, whose welcome to the stage after a season's illness has amounted to an ovation, will play Hermione and Perdita. John M. Kline, who has become so favorably known as the leading man of the supporting company, will continue in that responsible position.

Pantages Theatre

Comedy runs rampant at Pantages theatre this week, the clever, wholesome kind that creates happiness. The children find special delight in the funny little wooden comedians used to assist the great Johnsons in their wonderful ventriloquial entertainment; also in the mysterious Scarecrow act of Warner and Lakewood which is replete with pleasing singing and dancing numbers. Buster Brown and his mother are also on the programme and this alone would warrant a daily children's matinee. Mr. Dixon, the new ballad singer, in "When the Bees Are in the Hive" and a double set of comic motion pictures added certainly makes a great show for children as well as for the adults.

PRINCE RUPERT LOTS

Vancouver Report Concerning Sale at That City and Victoria is Corrected by Premier

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—It is understood that the sale of lots in Prince Rupert is to take place simultaneously in Victoria and Vancouver on or about May 1 next, and subsequent days. The method of conducting the sale has not been determined. The decision to place the realty on the market at these cities was adopted after due consideration. Owing to the lack of accommodation in the northern terminus, it was felt that it would involve no little discomfort for people to flock there to attend a sale; and on the other hand,

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Last evening Premier McBride was asked as to the correctness of the statement in the above despatch, and

his reply was that the method and date of sale of Prince Rupert lots had not yet been decided upon.

PACIFIC GRAIN ROUTE

Mr. Peters States That Canadian Pacific Will Provide All Terminal Facilities

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—Fred W. Peters, of Winnipeg, assistant to Vice-President Whyte of the C. P. R., arrived yesterday to attend the sittings of the railway commission. In an interview he stated that in future all Alberta wheat for export will seek an outlet via Vancouver, and he added that the C. P. R. was preparing to handle the traffic and would provide all the terminal facilities required in the way of

elevators. He estimated that the company has made contracts for shipping two million bushels of all kinds of grain to Vancouver. This includes grain required for local consumption. Of the total of two million bushels, considerable quantity has already been forwarded.

Liberal Convention

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—The executive of the Vancouver Liberal association has called a provincial convention to be held in Vancouver soon after the closing of the legislature. A city Liberal convention for the discussion of general party affairs will be held in March.

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THE WATER QUESTION.

The City Council has a proposition from the Esquimalt Water Works company, the details of which we printed yesterday. It has other propositions before it. Some of the members of the Council seemed to feel that they were in a position to dispose of the company's offer without consideration. We do not know what their decision would have been; but we feel very sure that such a proposal is one that calls for very serious thought before it is either accepted or rejected. There are several propositions before the city, and while it seems likely that it will have water enough for its needs for a year or two, there is really very little time to be lost before a beginning is made at providing an enlarged supply, for under the most favorable circumstances more than a year will be required to install a new plant, no matter from what source we may obtain water, and if some of the proposed plans are adopted, several years will be necessary.

We submit to the Mayor and Aldermen that the supplying of the city with water is purely and simply a business proposition and one that should be approached by them with open minds. Personal prejudices as to the proper system of supply or as to individuals, who may be promoting or suggesting any plan, ought to be laid to one side, if possible. There is no abstract principle involved except the securing of the largest possible supply of the best available water on the terms most advantageous to the city in view of its present requirements and prospective growth. There are three ways in which such water can be obtained, namely, by the city supplying it from its own system; by contracting with a company to supply it for a certain sum per annum irrespective of the quantity supplied; and by buying the water from a company having it to sell. Which of these ways ought to be adopted depends, it seems to us, upon their respective merits. One citizen may be opposed as a general principle to burdening the city for the cost of raw works, another may object to the city's doing something through the agency of a company which it can do equally well itself; another may see something radically wrong in buying water from a company. Of course in the end it comes down to a case of buying the water and reselling it, whether the city borrows the money itself and installs a system, or permits a company to do it, or buys the water outright from a water company. The cost of the water in the first case is made up of the interest charges upon the investment plus the cost of maintenance; in the second case it is the amount in the nature of interest and other charges which the company may demand; in the third case it is so much per gallon. The cost in the first and second cases is necessarily uncertain, because it is impossible to estimate accurately what the capital outlay will be. In the last case the cost is definite and fixed. This does not of itself dispose of the case, but it presents good reasons why preconceived ideas ought not to influence the Mayor and Aldermen, and shows that they ought to deal with the whole question from a business standpoint. It seems to us, therefore, that the City Council ought to take up the whole question without respect to persons and decide it according to their best judgment. It is a matter of such very great importance, that the Council might perhaps be well advised to act on Alderman Turner's suggestion and consult with a committee of business men of wide experience. We are disposed to think that Alderman Turner proposed too large a committee, but there is a good deal in his suggestion. Nothing derogatory to the City Council is implied in it. The Mayor and Aldermen will not claim that they are better equipped to deal with such a subject than any one else, and in every other line of activity men consult those, who may be able to assist them in coming to a right conclusion. But we only speak of this because Alderman Turner brought it forward, all we aim at being to promote, if we can, the settlement of a business proposition on business lines.

INDIAN RESERVES

There was an interesting discussion in the House of Commons a few days ago when the estimates for the Indian Department were before that body. It was brought about by a question asked by Mr. J. D. Taylor, of New Westminster, in reference to an Indian reservation on the Fraser river, and in the course of it Mr. Oliver, Minister of the Interior, made an interesting statement. He pointed out that there are a thousand reserves in British Columbia, and said that the disposition of them "is of paramount importance to the development of the province." He said that the position recognized by the Dominion government in respect to these reserves is that the province has the reversionary interest but "the title of the Indians was paramount to that of the province." He added that the federal and provincial governments had been unable to reach a common ground in their treatment of this question, but he intimated that it was the policy of his department to reduce the reserves in proportion to the number of Indians using them. Replying to a question by Mr. Barnard, Mr. Oliver said: "Our policy is to bring into use the land that the Indians are not now using and to secure to them the financial benefit from the transfer of the bonus." During the discussion Mr. Barnard brought up the Songhees reserve. Replying to Mr. Currie, who asked if the government could not expropriate the reserve and settle the whole difficulty, Mr. Oliver said that undoubtedly Parliament had that power, but he did not think it ought to be resorted to except as a last resort. In reply Mr. Barnard said: "I think the minister will admit this is very nearly a case for the last resort. The minister said that the department had exhausted every effort to settle the question. I am not blaming the department because I think they have done their best to settle it, but it is a matter that must be settled in the near future. Is it not a fact that a portion of British Columbia was taken possession of by the Crown and that any rights the Indians have to that portion of the coast are not sovereign rights in any sense of the term but that the Indians are simply occupants, leaseholders or users of the soil? We have had cases in Ontario where the sovereign rights of the Crown were exercised, a man's property was taken away from him and the court decided that the Crown could do no wrong. If this property is within

able advice. It is true that in the long run the interests of the holders of timber lands and those of the government, representing the public, are identical, but it is not always possible to make people see an identity of interests. It is very satisfactory to know that as the result of the campaign of education, which the press has steadily waged, the people are becoming more alive to the value of standing timber, and hence are growing more careful to save it; but individual carelessness, no matter how general it may become, will not accomplish all that is to be desired. One of the most valuable contributions to the literature of forest conservation is an article by Mr. H. R. Macmillan of the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior, published in the December number of the Canadian Forestry Journal, and dealing with "Forestry on the Eastern Slope of the Rocky Mountains." In transmitting a copy of this paper to the Colonist, Mr. Macmillan says that it tells of the damage inflicted by fire upon lumbering commerce and agriculture in the Crow's Nest valley on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. We commend the paper to the careful perusal of the government and every one else who may be able to procure a copy of it. It is too long for publication in the Colonist. Mr. Macmillan speaks of the destruction wrought by fire in the valley of the Middle Fork of Old Man river, where 400,000,000 feet of timber were utterly destroyed on an area of 145 square miles. We quote a paragraph, which, while it relates to the Crow's Nest valley only, is full of valuable lessons to people everywhere: "The damage inflicted upon Western Canada by the burning off of the present forest crop cannot be measured in terms of value of the timber alone. The first fire may destroy only the timber. After a few years which are left to seed which escaped the fire may suffice to start a new forest, or 'second growth,' which represents another crop from the land. There are 48 square miles of young timber of this nature coming up in the Crow's Nest valley; indeed, a survey of the forest of the eastern slope would show a greater area of this young timber than of mature stuff. A second or third fire rarely falls to kill all the forest reproduction, to destroy the remaining seed trees, to burn off the upper layer of soil and leave a desolate waste which must for a long period remain unproductive and be absolutely lost to the country. There is such an area in the Crow's Nest valley, which before the days of railway construction only the heavy fir forest but which is now a poor gravelly prairie, unfit for agriculture, of very little value for grazing and which is in no way producing a crop. There are 68 square miles of this worthless land in the Crow's Nest valley alone. Except a few small areas adapted to ranching it can only produce a revenue by growing timber."

What has taken place in the area referred to may be repeated and doubtless has been repeated in other places, and in some where the timber was much more valuable than that growing on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains. Surely the reasons why there should be a full and exhaustive inquiry into the best means of preserving the timber wealth of the province are so many that they cannot be disregarded and we are confident that they will have their full weight with the administration.

FOREST PRESERVATION

The provincial government has intimated that its intention is to take up the question of forest conservation. No argument is needed to demonstrate that this is an exceedingly important matter, and very little consideration will show that it is a difficult one to deal with. It is very easy to demand a policy of conservation, and quite another to devise one that will work satisfactorily. This is no reason why the question should be shirked, but it is an excellent reason why the government should act upon the best available

the city limits of Victoria, if it is necessary that the Indians should be moved out and if provision is made by which they will receive a sufficient amount of land elsewhere, suitable to their habits, condition and mode of life. Why should not the government transfer them to another location? Is it not a fact that the government have removed Indians from several reserves to other reserves in order that the lands occupied by them might be made available for a white population? Would it not be possible to assist the city of Victoria to introduce a Bill into this House making provision for the disposition of these lands, letting any money benefit accrue to the department, or to the province when the matter is settled?

Mr. Oliver said that he had been given to understand that the Songhees reserve was the subject of a treaty between the Indians and the Crown, and on Mr. Barnard pointing out that the agreement was with the Hudson Bay company, Mr. Oliver said that the company represented the Crown, but we think he is mistaken.

Congratulations to Mr. Douglas McCurdy, the first Canadian to vanquish the air, and he did it in Canada.

The Nanaimo Free Press devotes an article to the university site and speaks strongly in favor of Victoria in that connection. It refers to a controversy, but surely a matter of this nature is not likely to become a matter of controversy.

There is a prospect that that fine oil of \$29,000,000 imposed upon the Standard Oil Company will be considerably reduced. But during the progress of the case the lawyers will have earned some fat fees and the public derived a good deal of innocent amusement.

The Local Council of Women in a petition to the City Council make out an excellent case for the establishment of a Juvenile Delinquents' Court. The Council will undoubtedly be acting in accordance with public opinion on the matter if it decides to accede to the request.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement, one of the most extraordinary developments of Christian effort in Canada, is receiving cordial support in Victoria. A great congress is to be held in Massey Hall, Toronto, in April, and there is now definite assurance that this city will be well represented by delegates on that occasion.

A large amount of local street improvement work has been determined upon by the City Council. It should be commenced at the earliest possible date. The influx of tourists and other visitors will commence very early this year and it is imperative that the city should present the best appearance possible.

As the mineral interests of British Columbia are so large and important, it is very gratifying to learn that the Federal government will make a special effort to see that they are well represented at Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle. We understand that Mr. R. L. Broadbent, of the Geological Survey, is now in the province with the object of making a collection of ores and minerals.

The Victoria Horticultural Society has arranged dates for the annual rose and flower shows to be held this summer, and they have been so selected as to benefit from the large number of visitors who will be here as a consequence of the Exposition in Seattle. We presume some special arrangements will be made to have these events on a more pretentious scale for that reason than in previous years, and as they are bound to prove a great source of attraction to visitors, the officers of the organization should be assisted by citizens generally in planning for the greatest success possible.

The Police Commissioners have effected some changes on the force under their jurisdiction which seem likely to work to the greater efficiency of that body. With the growth of the city it is desirable that there should be a strengthening of the Police Force, and the Commissioners have displayed commendable foresight in taking prompt action along this line. But it is pleasant to be able to say that the Police Force of the city of Victoria has long enjoyed the reputation of being a very efficient body and has enjoyed the confidence of the community for a number of years. We are sure that this valuable record will be well maintained in the future.

It is now hoped that radium in the near future will be brought within the reach of the general practitioner, both as regards quantity and price. A new rapid mode of extracting radium has just been announced by a young English chemist, whose process is to separate it as a primary product, leaving uranium as a by-product, instead of the other way about, as hitherto. From a ton of ore containing 20 per cent. of pitchblende he secured one and a half pounds of radium-barium chloride. This would produce 120 milligrammes, or 1.80 grains, of radium chloride, and the process only takes about two days against over a week by the present method, with its prolonged boilings in the treatment of the residue.

During the debate in the Commons on Monday, one speaker said the people would vote for the abolition of the Senate if they had an opportunity. We are inclined to believe this gentleman is right, but are not at all sure it would be in the interests of the country to do so. The Upper Chamber, properly constituted, is in a position to perform real service to the State as a preventive of over-hasty legislation, and of course this was the intent of those who provided for its creation. But with a partisan majority in the Senate favorable to the government which happens to be in power the Upper Chamber is shorn of its real function. Reforms must be instituted and when public opinion is sufficiently aroused they will be.

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

(Charles H. Lugin)

II.

(In yesterday's article through a clerical error the name "Sechart" was written for "Saret" as the possible terminus of a railway from Victoria to Barclay Sound. In the statement of the circuit of the island the mileage was given as statute miles, whereas it should have been geographical miles. One-sixth ought to be added, to bring the figures to statute miles, and the distance should read approximately 620 statute miles. I have already to thank several persons, who have kindly given me information upon points to be dealt with in this series of articles.)

A Strong Strategic Position.

Vancouver Island's position off the western coast of British Columbia is a very strong one strategically. It forms very nearly one-half of the entire western frontier of Canada. On the west coast is, measured without regard to its status, about 630 miles long, and about one-half of it is formed by the coast of the island, which therefore is part of what may be called an Imperial Frontier, and I venture to think that, whether it is regarded from the standpoint of war or commerce, is the most important part of the British Columbia coast, and ranks foremost among the frontiers of Greater Britain. The coast of this province is the only land along the whole circuit of the Pacific Ocean, from Singapore to Cape Horn, over which the Union Jack flies, excepting the little island of Hong Kong, which territorially is British, but is most concerned with the commercial aspect of the case, and the only references to the naval or military side of it will be incidental. I first draw attention to the fact that the construction of a north and south railway along the coast of the Mainland is a physical impossibility. Rail connection between Vancouver on the south and Prince Rupert, northern British Columbia, and Alaska on the north is only possible by a long detour. The same remark of course, holds true respecting connection between the Pacific coast states and Alaska. Under any conditions that can arise there will always be a great traffic coastwise between the Pacific Coast states and southwestern British Columbia on the one hand and northern British Columbia, Alaska and the Yukon on the other. If it were possible to build a railway on the mainland to connect these traffic it would have in competition with steamers, it would have been built long ago, but as this is out of the question, the fact that Vancouver Island can be utilized for a very considerable part of the distance for railway construction is a matter of great importance. Time is becoming more important every year in connection with north and southbound coast travel. The development of Alaska is progressing rapidly. The islands of the Queen Charlotte group are certain to become a hive of industry. Northern British Columbia is a country of vast potentialities. Speaking first of the Alaskan railway—I refer now to those being constructed from points west of the 141st Meridian and not to the White Pass and Yukon, connection with them between these railways and Puget Sound ports must necessarily be maintained by steamships. If these run directly to Puget Sound they may to save time take the ocean all the way, and in the winter be exposed to the stormy weather common off Cape Flattery and the delays experienced frequently by incoming ships owing to thick weather. If there was rail to a point near the north end of Vancouver Island the steamers would likely use the inside channels, and the sea voyage would be materially shortened and time would be saved. These advantages would be utilized for passenger, mail and express traffic, even if the steamers carried their heavy freight all the distance from the Puget Sound cities to Alaska. The saving of time in respect to northern British Columbia and Yukon points would be a great advantage. Hence the island occupies a strategic position of great importance in connection with north and southbound traffic. It will be shown later that at least two routes for a line running longitudinally through the island are available.

The strategic position of Vancouver Island in respect to the traffic of Alaska is of great importance. In the proximity of the southernmost point of the island to the harbors on the United States shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. From the outer harbor of Victoria to Port Angeles on the opposite shore of the Strait the distance in nautical miles is 17, from Beecher Bay to Port Crescent it is 10 miles, and to Port Angeles 15. These distances are by no means too great to be covered by car-ferries, as will appear later, nor is the character of the sea encountered a serious drawback if properly constructed ferries are used. The route from Beecher Bay to Port Angeles is the shortest by sea of the Strait, and I assume would therefore be less affected by the roll, which sometimes comes in from the ocean, than either of the others, which would cross the roll at right angles to the direction of the waves. In neither case, however, would the sea be sufficient to interfere with the carrying of cars or car-ferries. Railway construction to Port Angeles will doubtless come about at a very early day and in that event a connection could easily be established between the lines on the Mainland of the State of Washington and a line or lines on Vancouver Island, and thus the northern terminus of railway travel from the Pacific coast states to and from Alaska would be transferred to the north end of Vancouver Island. The feasibility of such a project has received the endorsement of distinguished authorities on transportation. These considerations seem to establish the value of Vancouver Island strategically in connection with traffic to and from the north.

The next aspect of this side of the case is the relation of the ports of Vancouver Island to trans-Pacific commerce. Before giving estimates of distance, which will be deferred until tomorrow, I may be mentioned that the ports of Vancouver Island possess an advantage over all other ports on the northwest coast by reason of their nearness to the open ocean, a consideration of no small moment in view of the important part played by time in transportation problems, and of the great size of ships now being employed in ocean-going commerce. In the degrees of navigation occur between the ocean, the harbors of Vancouver Island and the open sea. Of course those on the eastern shore are, with one exception, not included in this statement.

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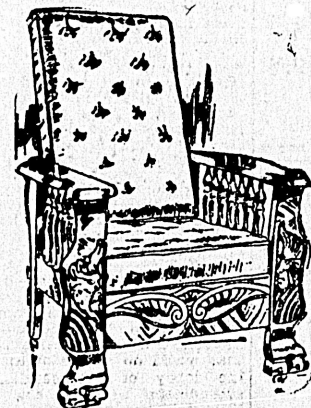
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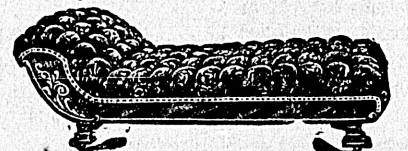
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FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1869.

Whaling Expedition—Capt. Roys has loaded and tested his bombs, and expects to sail in the steamer Emma on Tuesday next for Barclay Sound, off the mouth of which it is his intention to cruise in search of the monsters of the deep. The expedition is provided with every appliance necessary for the successful prosecution of whaling, and a good report will no doubt, soon be heard from it.

Leech River—Callaghan, one of the men preparing the ground for the hydraulic claim, returned on Monday from the river. The snow is reported to be entirely gone and all the heaviest work completed. The flume on the government ditch has been repaired for 300 feet and is now carrying 200 inches of water. Besides this the whole of the timber is cut for the flume to supply water to the diggings, and the ground itself, for 400 feet long and 100 feet wide, partially cleared for washing. This is, indeed, working in earnest. The most gratifying news brought by Callaghan is that some further prospecting this last week as high as \$3 was got in one pan in the bank selected for the panning in a fortnight from Monday next it is expected that the work will be accomplished.

Naval—H.M.S. Malacca has gone out from Callao in search of the steamer Arcata, supposed to be lost or in distress.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Burton, which has grown with the fortunes of the late Lord Burton's family, contained in 1801 only 6,000 people. Today it has a population of over 50,000. The brewing of ale did not begin in the ancient town till 1708, and not until 1823 did the industry start off on its great stride. Burton itself began to grow with the opening of the Midland Railway in 1839. Some notion of the magnitude of the output of liquor may be gathered from the fact that Lord Burton's brewery covers more than 200 acres. One of the great distinctions of Burton in the old days was its claim to possess the longest and the oldest bridge in England—the bridge of thirty-nine arches over the Trent, reconstructed in 1864. The old bridge—a quarter of a mile in length—dated from beyond the Norman Conquest and had a life history of more than 700 years.

The Melbourne Cricket, the Marlyborne of Australia, has says the Daily Chronicle, been celebrating the seventieth anniversary of its foundation. There are some curious facts in its history. When it was founded Melbourne was in its infancy, a mere hamlet, and no cricketing materials were locally procurable. A supply had to be obtained from India. The first recorded century was made in 1839 by a Mr. Powlett, who hit up 120 for the gentlemen against the tradesmen. He was an irascible man, and fought a duel with a brother cricketer, whose coat he pierced with a bullet. There was a difficulty in getting opponents in those early days and such matters as Bachelors versus Benedicks and Whiskers versus Whiskers had to be arranged. One of the first decisions of the Committee was to enclose the grounds with a "four rail-proof fence." Pigs, barbed wire, and the human sort, do not trouble cricketers nowadays. Wealthy young squatters were early members of the Melbourne Club, and one of them, going out to bat, threw his coat on a bench forgetting the £500 in one of its pockets. The coat disintegrated but next morning was found neatly folded on the doorstep of the police station minus the bank note. The Melbourne Cricket Club has now 4,885 members, and since 1859 it has expended £244,006 on its well-equipped ground and in the general interests of the summer game.

BRITISH OPINION

The Morning Post says:—None of the questions which have been raised in the Southeast of Europe have yet been favorably settled, but the prospects of settlement are now favorable. The question of the compensation to be paid by Bulgaria has been more than that of an Austro-Hungarian indemnity, and there was a question of a rectification of the frontier in the interest of Turkey, and the Bulgarian Government took the occasion to call out a number of reservists. But the Turkish government did not press for a rectification of frontier, and meantime the Russian government made an offer which may put an end to the difficulties. Turkey has a money debt to Russia, which is paid in annual instalments. The Russian proposal is to cancel so much of this debt as will be equal to the indemnity demanded by Turkey for Bulgaria, and that the amount offered by Bulgaria should be paid by Bulgaria, not to Turkey, but to Russia. This is a generous proposal, and there is no evident reason why Turkey should refuse it, and very good reasons why Bulgaria should gratefully accept it. Bulgaria owes her existence to Russia, and the status of the Czar-liberator that stands in front of the Parliament House at Sofia is a perpetual reminder to Bulgarians of what they owe to Russia. To refuse to accept the Russian proposal would therefore be to betray either Prince Ferdinand or his people. The British and French Governments are said to have expressed at Sofia and at Constantinople their approval of the Russian proposal, and their hope that it will be accepted. Accordingly it seems reasonable to hope that Turkey will soon have settled her difficulties both with Austria-Hungary and with Bulgaria.

King Edward's reception of the delegates from the chief maritime countries will emphasize the importance of the International Naval Conference, says the Daily Telegraph. Its discussions have taken place behind a veil, and discretion has been well preserved. The fact that its proceedings have proved even more protracted than was anticipated argues that they have proved more interesting than was prophesied. Can the severity of naval conflicts be mitigated without injuring the efficiency of sea-power and subjecting fleets to more disasters than those which hamper armies? That is the searching question. The answer must be significant one way or the other, and nothing but complete confidence that British interests as represented by the Foreign Office and the Admiralty are in firm hands has relieved the anxieties of the issue which under other conditions would have been awaited. We should rejoice if the International Naval Conference could arrive at a complete agreement without sacrificing that legitimate freedom of sea power in time of conflict upon which our existence absolutely depends. No other Power is in the same position.

COMMERCIAL CLASS AND LEGISLATION

Mr. Macgowan (Vancouver) Says the House Has Too Many Lawyers

The debate on the budget occupied the time of the Legislature up to five o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Thomson (Victoria) moved adjournment. For the most part the speakers, and especially those on the Opposition side, confined their remarks on the budget to matters local in their districts, but Mr. Macgowan (Vancouver) introduced a new note into the discussion when he drew attention to the necessity of making the statutes clearer.

Mr. Macgowan referred to the large number of professional men in the House, and championed the humble but moneyed commercial and industrial class. He remarked in passing that at present it was difficult for the poor commercial man to understand the laws, and even the lawyers could not.

"What about the Bible?" asked the member for The Islands.

"The Bible has nothing to do with the statutes, nor with the interpretation of the statutes by professional men," replied Mr. Macgowan. "The nearest the Bible comes to the law is when it is brought into court for the swearing of witnesses."

Opposition Version

Mr. Brewster (Alberni) opened the debate yesterday. As in his speech in the debate on the reply to the Address to the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Brewster told of the difficulties which he said, the settler had in getting on the land in B. C. He said that little was known by the government agents about the lands on the West Coast, and suggested that steps be taken to secure adequate information. He accused the Attorney-General of having interfered with the fisheries in order to get a campaign cry. He charged the government with neglect of the great terminal of the future in Alberni, and asked for government aid to restore the roads destroyed by the building of the E. & N. Extension, and to build roads on Texada Island.

Mr. Jones (Cariboo) drew attention to the fact that Cariboo was still producing ore. He stated that if the Government would expend a few hundred dollars on trails in the districts prospectors could go in and find more ore. Passing on to the forestry protection question, he advocated the placing of more men on the list of forest guards, and then sat down, with a polite "Thank you" to the Speaker.

Mr. Hayward (Cowichan) suggested that the account of the financial situation of the Province as brought in by the minister of finance should be printed in pamphlet form and distributed, giving the best advertisement the province could ever get. An opposition member had said that it was better to be born lucky than rich. The province was rich in natural resources and luck in that Mr. Tatlow was in charge of its finances and not the member for Yale.

The Fisheries Returns

Mr. Hayward said that the figures quoted by Mr. Henderson as to the fisheries of the province were misleading. In the nineteen years of Confederation, from 1871 to 1890, the Dominion's revenue from B. C. fisheries was \$138,000 and the expenditure \$126,000. In seven years of Liberal sway, 1896 to 1903, the revenue was \$307,000 and the expenditure \$134,000. The net revenue under a Liberal administration at Ottawa had been \$25,000 a year. The increase in the expenditure of recent years was largely due to the cruisers maintained by the Dominion government, and these really had nothing to do with the salmon fisheries. B. C. would still have been receiving a small yearly amount on her fisheries had it not been for the active participation of the provincial government. The member for Cowichan suggested that the minister of finance consider the necessity of doing something for the destroying of vermin in connection with the game. "The big horn owl was largely responsible for the scarcity of pheasants and grouse on Vancouver Island, while the golden eagle was killing the mountain sheep of the Mainland. The \$15 bounty on wolves had worked wonders, and a similar bounty should be placed on owls and eagles."

He was glad to see, by the mention of the forestry department, that the government was taking active measures to preserve the timber of the province. He hoped the government would see fit to make the loggers burn up all their brush as soon as their operations in any place were concluded. Also, when timber had been burned over, the Government should see that it was cut at once, as after two years it would be of no use.

Passing to the question of agriculture, Mr. Hayward said that an inquiry should be made into the question of cold storage on steamers running between B. C. ports and Australia, as at present it was said that all the space was gobbled up by one company. He said that the cattle feed sold in the province should be strictly inspected. He called the attention of the government to the fact that men who take up mineral claims in the E. & N. belt must pay a wild lands tax, and suggested that work done underground should be styled "improvements." In conclusion he spoke of the necessity of the government extending encouragement to the production of steel in the province.

Dr. Hall (Nelson) regretted that there was not in the estimates some provision for a grant for a public hospital in Nelson.

The Provincial Secretary explained that he had told the members of the board in Nelson that the province could do nothing until the board had formulated definite plans for raising funds for the hospital. He had not heard from the board since.

The Commercial Class

Mr. Macgowan (Vancouver) followed. He said that as this was the first time he had addressed the house this session he would start out by congratulating the mover and seconder of the reply to the Address, etc. He noticed that the debate had fallen largely into the hands of the professional class, and thought it time that the commercial class would be heard from. He was pleased to know that the minister of public works was not a professional man, as there were too many of these in the house, and they occupied too much of the time, not only of this, but of all the houses of assembly in the civilized world. (Laughter). The commercial and in-

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ustrial men, said Mr. Macgowan, were not heard from enough.

After complimenting the minister of finance on the excellent showing of the finances of the province, and the small amount of criticism the estimates had evoked, he passed out a compliment to the attorney-general for his courage in bringing down the bill to regulate the use of liquor on club premises. Vancouver, he said, was a city of clubs, and many of the legitimate clubs would resent this bill. The necessity for tackling the question had been brought about by the illegal clubs. The bill would prove acceptable to the people at large, and was a step towards the controlling of a business that needed control.

Mr. Macgowan had been pleased to hear that there was to be a revision of the statutes during the recess. It meant that there was to be a simplification of the laws of the province, he was extremely glad. At present it was just as well for the commercial man to keep out of litigation. The country wanted clear laws, and so there should be no hasty work done in the matter of consolidation.

To Settle Differences.

He suggested that there should be a convention or session of some kind to settle for all time the differences existing between the province and the Dominion. The province was dependent on and so closely associated with the Dominion that the statutes should be made so clear as to do away with all danger of misunderstanding. Matters such as public health regulations, matters of commerce and industry, and so on, were matters of dispute between Dominion and province. The two governments were fighting about the B. C. fisheries. As a matter of fact the officials of the Dominion and those of the province were both public servants. He was pleased to see that the government at Ottawa was taking steps regarding the halibut fisheries, and would in the future prevent poaching in B. C. waters by United States fishermen. Some settlement should be made with the Dominion so that these differences need not be debated in the house.

There should be embodied in the revised statutes an immigration law that could be maintained in the province. Mr. Macgowan would also like to see, he said, a comprehensive lumber act, that would do away for all time with the lobby of lumbermen seeking amendments of the act from the House. A scheme of forest protection should be established that would provide for the co-operation of government and owners to protect the forests. A pure food law, proper package law and a proper weights law should be incorporated in the statutes also.

A Railway Bill

Mr. Macgowan took up the suggestion made earlier in the session by Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) and said that there should be some general law under which railways might obtain charters. His idea was, he said, that if people wanted to build railways they should be permitted to do so, particularly industrial railways. He would like to see a woman's dower act passed. In the early days there had been a reason why this should not be done, but today there were women in the province who could look after their property as well as the men could.

He suggested a public service commission, to investigate and regulate such matters as food, light, and water. The same commission could act in transportation matters, passenger and freight rates, the safety of passengers, etc. Passing to educational matters, he said that he would like to see the superannuation of public servants extended to include the teaching staff of the province. In this connection he referred to his attack on the professional men. He said that his motion that a clause providing for a commercial course in the curriculum of the university had been defeated, he did not know why, unless it was because of a difference of equality between professional and commercial men. He said that one-fourth of one per cent. of the revenue of the province was contributed by professional men and the rest by industrial and commercial men. On the other hand, one-fourth of one per cent. of the legislation was for the benefit of these classes and the rest for the professional class.

In conclusion Mr. Macgowan referred to Mr. Hayward's speech. He said that last month a trial shipment of apples had been sent from the state of Washington to New Zealand without cold storage, and had arrived in excellent condition. This was promising for the future of B. C. fruit.

Mr. Thomson (Victoria) moved adjournment of the debate.

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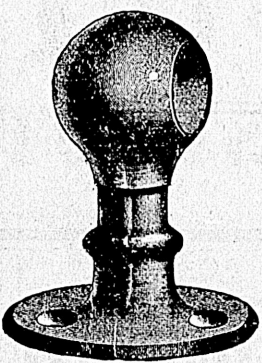
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NEWS OF THE CITY

Week's Clearings

Local bank clearings for the week ended Tuesday, aggregated \$1,186,751.

Will Erect Dwelling

A building permit was issued yesterday by the building inspector to Dr. W. J. Currie for a small dwelling on South Turner street to cost \$900.

Private Bills Committee.

In the private bills committee yesterday, the application of John Hopp for the consolidation of his placer mining leases in Cariboo was considered. Finally the application was adjourned for a day.

Signs of Spring

The crocuses and the snowdrops are in bloom, while the willows are developing these appearances which are commonly known as "pussy cats," hence one may conclude with some confidence that spring is really here.

Lenten Services

The special services during the day in Christ Church Cathedral are as follows: Holy communion this morning at 8 a.m.; morning prayer, Litany and communion service at 11 a.m., and evening prayer with an address by Bishop Perrin at 8 p.m.

Pythian Dance.

A dance will be held on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Pythian Sisters at the hall of the Order, corner of Douglas and Pandora streets. The preparations are in the hands of an energetic committee and a good time is assured all attending.

Ministers' Dinner.

The ministers will give their annual dinner to the members of the house on Friday evening. In addition to the members the permanent sessional employees will also be invited. The affair will take place in the grill room at the parliament buildings.

Directors Meet Today

A meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Agricultural association will be held this afternoon at the mayor's office, City Hall, at 2 o'clock. On Friday evening the advisory board of the association will meet at the City Hall in the council chamber.

Development League Active

A meeting of the Victoria Development league committee was held yesterday morning at the Board of Trade room, when the final arrangements were made for the city subscription canvass, which will probably be begun this morning. The league has also been incorporated and registered.

Will Entertain Campaigners

The members of the British Campaigners' association will be pleasantly entertained at dinner by Col. Holmes and the officers and men of the Canadian garrison in their comfortable quarters in Esquimalt on Monday evening next. As the accommodation is somewhat limited only one hundred members can secure invitations.

Vernon Water Works.

Representatives from the city of Vernon yesterday interviewed the government in regard to a plan for an extensive municipal water works plant. They also want to be allowed to start work this season without waiting for the complicated machinery of the new Water Act to be organized and put in motion. The matter was taken under advisement.

Mysterious Fire.

Fire of a somewhat mysterious origin did damage last night to the amount of \$150 in the paint shop belonging to Moller Bros. Limited on View street at the rear of the Balmoral Hotel. The alarm was turned in at 11:30 o'clock and when the brigade arrived on the scene the fire was going merrily within among a quantity of furniture, painting, paper, paints and oils. The latter combustibles had not become ignited but the varnished woods were blazing freely. A stream from the chemical soon put the fire out. How the blaze originated is a mystery. The blaze originated close to a window in which one of the panes was broken and it looked to the firemen as if a match had been thrown into the shop.

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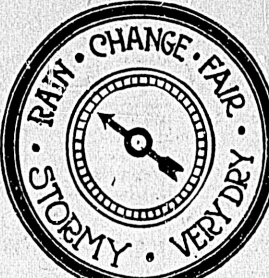
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SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure area has increased in energy over both the Pacific states and the Prairie provinces but low pressure areas continue to hover over British Columbia; light rainfall has occurred in the districts bordering on the straits and the Washington coast and it has been slightly warmer west of the Rockies. In the Prairie provinces the weather is fair, warmer in Alberta and Saskatchewan but colder in Manitoba where temperatures fell below or close to the zero point.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	41	48
Vancouver	36	44
New Westminster	36	40
Kamloops	36	40
Barkerville	14	32
Atlin	14 below 2	
Dawson, Y. T.	38 below 20 b	
Calgary, Alta.	38	48
Winnipeg, Man.	8	18
Portland, Ore.	38	48
San Francisco, Cal.	51	62

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday.

Victoria and Vicinity: Increasing winds, chiefly cloudy with showers and stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, stronger on nights, cloudy with rain and not much change in temperature.

TUESDAY.

Highest	48
Lowest	41
Mean	44
Rain, .01 inch.	

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, February, 1909.					
Date	Time High	Time Low	Time High	Time Low	Time High
1	10 18	5 41	10 14	5 37	10 10
2	10 51	6 13	10 53	6 17	10 55
3	11 29	6 50	11 30	6 51	11 25
4	12 00	7 45	12 00	7 45	12 00
5	1 42	8 30	1 42	8 30	1 42
6	2 34	9 09	2 34	9 09	2 34
7	3 28	9 46	3 28	9 46	3 28
8	4 24	10 22	4 24	10 22	4 24
9	5 23	10 54	5 23	10 54	5 23
10	6 24	11 22	6 24	11 22	6 24
11	7 26	11 45	7 26	11 45	7 26
12	8 28	12 03	8 28	12 03	8 28
13	9 30	12 16	9 30	12 16	9 30
14	10 31	12 24	10 31	12 24	10 31
15	11 31	12 27	11 31	12 27	11 31
16	12 31	12 25	12 31	12 25	12 31
17	1 31	12 18	1 31	12 18	1 31
18	2 31	12 06	2 31	12 06	2 31
19	3 31	11 49	3 31	11 49	3 31
20	4 31	11 27	4 31	11 27	4 31
21	5 31	11 00	5 31	11 00	5 31
22	6 31	10 43	6 31	10 43	6 31
23	7 31	10 24	7 31	10 24	7 31
24	8 31	10 03	8 31	10 03	8 31
25	9 31	9 40	9 31	9 40	9 31
26	10 31	9 15	10 31	9 15	10 31
27	11 31	8 48	11 31	8 48	11 31
28	12 31	8 18	12 31	8 18	12 31

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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Script in Demand.

There have been many applications for the purchase of the South African script presented those Victorians who served in the Boer war by the Dominion government which entitles them to a section of land in the prairie provinces. As yet few, if any, of the warrants held here have been disposed of. The offers up to date range between \$500 and \$600. Members of the Campaigners' association, who include practically all whose services have been remembered by the Federal authorities do not think that this is enough and it is understood they have agreed to hold out for a greater sum.

Governor of South Wales Coming

News has been received that Admiral Sir Henry Holdsworth Rawson, governor of New South Wales, will spend about a month in Canada in the early part of next summer. His excellency will leave Sydney on March 24 for Japan, and will sail from Yokohama on the Empress of China on May 10, arriving here twelve days later. He will spend a couple of weeks in the western provinces, and will later visit Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and other eastern points. While at Ottawa he will have a conference with Earl Grey. Sir Henry will be accompanied on his trip by Miss Rawson and a small retinue.

AMENDS COAL ACT

Several Minor Changes Made in Existing Legislation

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B. C. Electric Company's Employees at Spring Ridge Are Blocked By Police

Whether the B. C. Electric company has the right to lay its track across the sidewalk in spite of the opposition of the city is a point which is likely to be settled in the courts. The trouble has come to a climax with the attempt made yesterday by the company to lay a spur track from its Spring Ridge line, near the terminus, to lot 55, owned by the Lineham Scott Sand and Gravel company. Some time ago the latter company asked permission of the council to be allowed to construct a spur track from North Chatham street across to its property where it proposed to build gravel bunkers wherein a stock of sand and gravel might be kept. The company offered to have the track laid according to the wishes of the city and expressed its willingness to enter into bonds to guarantee that every precaution would be taken to safeguard the public and protect the city from any liability arising from accident through the operation of the spur. The request was refused by the city council after that body had been approached by several deputations of residents of Spring Ridge, all of whom strenuously protested against the Lineham Scott Sand and Gravel company being allowed to either construct the track or locate bunkers upon its property.

Yesterday morning workmen of the B. C. Electric company, under the charge of P. J. Riddell, track superintendent, started to remove several planks in the sidewalk preparatory to making a right of way for the rails of the spur track. Two planks were torn up while workmen were engaged in digging out a roadbed on the property owned by the Lineham Scott Sand and Gravel company. At this juncture some of the nearby residents notified Mayor Hall who despatched the police to the scene with orders to stop further interference with the city's property. Chief of Police Langley, Sergeant Carson and two constables arrived on the spot in time to save the greater part of the sidewalk at this point and further operations on the part of the B. C. Electric company's employees were put a stop to. The sidewalk was repaired by the company's employees and the workmen withdrawn. To guard against any further attempt police officers were stationed all day and evening at the spot but no further attempt was made to lay the spur track.

The city solicitor, as soon as advised of the occurrence, took legal steps to block the company's intentions. On an affidavit made by the city engineer, an application was made for an injunction notice being filed with the registrar of the supreme court this morning. An order restraining the company from interfering with the city's property.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NOTABLE EVENT

First Bishop of British Columbia Consecrated 50 Years Ago Today

Fifty years ago today, being the festival of St. Matthias, the Reverend George Hills, D.D., vicar of Great Yarmouth, and Hon. Canon of Norwich, was consecrated as the first bishop of British Columbia, which office he held until November, 1892, when he resigned after a long and eventful episcopate of thirty-three years. The bishop did not leave England until November, 1859, and arrived in Victoria on the festival of the Epiphany, January 6, 1860. In those days it was a long and tedious journey via the Isthmus of Panama and San Francisco. There he was the guest of Bishop Klipp, and owing to the delay of the few days he escaped shipwreck, as the Northern, on which he was to have sailed, was lost between San Francisco and Victoria, amongst the passengers drowned being Mr. Blumfield, son of the Bishop of London.

The following extracts from the bishop's first letter to England will be read with interest:

"Esquimalt harbor is beautifully placed, most snug and safe from all weather. It was refreshing to see four British men of war at anchor. Boats came instantly from the Ganges and Satellite, with offers of attention from Captain Prevost and Admiral Baines. Mr. Dundas, one of our special missionaries, also soon appeared, and informed me he had secured lodging in Victoria. To this latter place we set off to walk; it is three miles. Such a road! That from Balclava to the camp was nothing to it. I had on high jack boots, and so did not mind; though the road was sometimes knee deep. In this plight I entered Victoria. My first visit was to the governor. My house is a wooden one, small, but enough. The door at which people knock is the one of the rooms I sit in—there is no 'hall' or passage, so I open the door myself.

"Victoria must be, I think, the most lovely and beautifully situated place in the world. I never saw anything before like it. In the summer it must be exquisite. I was greatly struck with it altogether; there is every sort of scenery. Sublime mountains, placid sea, noble forest trees, undulating park-like glades, interspersed with venerable oaks; inland lakes and rivers abounding with fish. The climate is thoroughly English—a little milder. It is astonishing to see the rapidity with which the place grows. The houses at present are chiefly of wood, but many are made very comfortable and pretentious. They run up with great speed, and sometimes run along! For it is not uncommon to meet a house proceeding down the street to some other location. The shops are excellent; there is nothing, no luxury, no comfort, which you cannot procure. Some things are dearer than in England, others cheaper; the former, however, predominate. Servants and house rent are the greatest expense. Very good beef and mutton at 10d. per pound; butter, 2s.; flour and potatoes, very good, same price as in England; tea 2s. sugar, 4d. and 6d.; wearing apparel expensive; but in a little time longer I expect the increasing trade will introduce supplies, and render it

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As St. Matthias Day falls this year upon Ash Wednesday no special service will be held in connection with the anniversary of the consecration of the bishop. When Lent is over suitable functions will be arranged, and the work of the jubilee year will be to raise the necessary funds for the building of a dignified cathedral on the site of Church Hill.

The life of Bishop Hills has never been written. Canon Rhodes Bristow, of Southwark cathedral, in the Old Country, is collecting materials. Any letters of interest would be gladly received by Bishop Perrin, who would be responsible for their safety.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF YEAR'S FINANCE

What the City is Estimated to Get and What to Spend

The preliminary estimate of the civic receipts and expenditures for the year 1903 has been compiled. The estimated revenue for the year is \$727,185.89 and the expenditures are estimated at \$762,675.56. The estimated revenue is made up as follows: Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1903, \$547.53; Land and improvement tax, \$460,000.00; Interest on overdue taxes, \$1,500.00; Dog tax, \$1,500.00; Cemetery fees, \$4,500.00; Fire insurance, \$12,000.00; Liquor licenses, \$3,000.00; Other licenses, \$17,500.00; Market fees and rents, \$1,500.00; Police court fines and fees, \$5,000.00; Pound fees, \$500.00; Road tax, \$6,000.00; Education, government grant, \$36,500.00; Library, \$200.00; Building permits, \$1,250.00; Plant account, refund, \$2,500.00; Miscellaneous receipts, \$2,000.00; Interest from investment sinking funds, \$23,000.00.

Less overdraft at Bank of B. N. A. \$1,811.64

Water rates and rents, \$96,000.00

Sewer rental and sewer tax fund, \$25,000.00

Total receipts, \$727,185.89

The estimated expenditure for the year ended 31st December next is as follows:

City debt, \$175,925.56

Municipal council, \$5,400.00

Civic salaries, \$22,400.00

City institutions, \$136,199.00

Building and surveys, \$17,300.00

Streets, bridges and side-roads, \$6,340.00

Miscellaneous expenditure, \$49,050.00

Education, \$125,912.00

Board of health, \$26,284.00

Sewer rental and sewer tax fund, \$25,000.00

Water works, \$108,944.00

Total, \$762,675.56

Under the head of civic debt the expenditures are estimated as follows:

Interest, \$102,541.28; sinking fund, \$57,999.13; sinking fund, local improvement, \$15,085.15; brokerage and exchange, \$300. Total, \$175,925.56.

Civic salaries will require the following estimated expenditures: Salaries of tax collector, staff, and comptroller, \$6,890; city clerk's office, \$3,000; assessor's office, \$2,820; engineer's office, \$4,900; barrister and solicitor, \$2,800; janitor and temporary assistance in all departments, \$1,750. Total, \$22,400.

Municipal council: Mayor's salary, \$1,700; aldermen, \$3,750. Total, \$5,400. Expenditures on city institutions are estimated at: Cemetery, \$3,500; parks, \$8,930; pound, \$1,980; police, \$4,476; fire department, \$44,253; library, \$5,000; street lighting, \$18,770; public market, \$20,000; home for aged and infirm, \$7,010. Total, \$136,199.

Miscellaneous estimated expenditures include: Election expenses, \$2,000; advertising and printing, \$6,500; stationery, \$1,500; telephone service, \$1,600; fuel and light, \$1,250; charitable aid fund, \$2,000; aged and infirm home, \$2,000; secret service, \$250; Victoria Day celebration, \$2,000; special grants, \$1,000; plant account, \$20,000; miscellaneous, not detailed, \$2,500. The above with other small contemplated expenditures brings the total under this head to \$49,050.

Education is estimated to call for an expenditure as follows: Teachers' salaries, \$31,500; board of school trustees and water rate, \$28,940; interest on loans, \$10,585; sinking funds, \$4,888. Total, \$125,912.

Board of health expenditures: Salaries, \$5,784; removal of garbage, \$3,500; jubilee hospital, \$5,000; other purposes, including water rate, \$12,000; sewer rental and sewer tax fund, \$25,000; estimated expenditures: Interest and sinking funds, \$19,952; maintenance of sewers, \$5,048. Total, \$25,000.

Water works estimated expenditures: Salaries, \$9,120; interest and sinking funds, \$46,824; maintenance (general), \$15,000; maintenance of pumping stations, \$12,500; maintenance of filter beds, \$5,000; renewing connections, etc., under paved streets and permanent sidewalks, \$4,000; expense of obtaining private bill, \$2,000; services, \$6,000; cleaning shores of Elk lake and the lake, \$2,000; new work shops, \$5,500. Total, \$108,944.

The estimates have been furnished each of the aldermen and will be considered at some future meeting of the council.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACT BEFORE THE HOUSE

Last Year's Bill Repealed—Classifications of Various Employees

The Public Service act, more popularly known as the Civil Service act, was brought down to the House yesterday by the provincial secretary. It repeals the bill introduced last year, and modifies it in certain particulars. These changes are the result of a careful study of the subject during recess. The superannuation measure which was dropped last year will shortly be laid before the House.

The members of the public service are classified for the purposes of the act, as deputy heads of departments, officers, agents, chief clerks, clerks, stenographers and permanent employees. An officer is defined to mean any member of the public service, including accountants, who, for the performance of his duties requires literary, technical or scientific character. The term agent includes all government agents, assessors, recorders, registrars and chief clerks.

Officers, agents and clerks are graded into four classes, according to skill, training, competency and length of service, and provisions are made for passing from one class to another with corresponding increases of salary. Hereafter clerks will be appointed as junior clerks or stenographers at the age of 16. The initial salary is \$35 per month, increasing automatically to \$47 at 20. Thereafter the annual increase of \$48 per annum is given until the maximum salary of \$900 per annum is reached.

Where a position is to be filled which requires greater skill and competency than is required from a junior clerk an outsider under 30 years of age may be appointed. But such appointments will be made by competitive examination, which the junior clerks may enter. Generally speaking, a successful examination is required to pass from one class to another, and the rises in salary and the ordinary rate of promotion may be increased by exceptional merit. Junior clerks must pass the qualifying examination for third class clerks by the age of 27 or retire.

The salaries in the various modes vary according to length and quality of service. A clerk of the third class will receive from \$960 to \$1,200 per annum, a clerk of the second class from \$1,272 to \$1,500, and a clerk of the first class from \$1,584 to \$1,800. A chief clerk's salary runs from \$1,900 with biennial increases of \$100 to \$2,500, although in the larger departments with exceptional responsibility a larger stipend may be placed on the estimates.

The power of dismissal is retained unimpaired and the act provides for the appointment of civil service commissioners and examiners.

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RAILWAY COMPANY MUST APPLY AGAIN

Application of Kootenay and Alberta Railway Disallowed by Committee

The railway committee of the legislature yesterday decided to hold over the application of the Kootenay and Alberta railway for a charter until next session. This is to give the South East Kootenay railway, which opposed the Kootenay and Alberta, an opportunity of making good the terms of its charter. The committee recommended that the fees should be related to the Kootenay and Alberta. The applicants for the charter were represented by Chas. Wilson, K.C., Vancouver, while Thos. Davis, president of the South East Kootenay Railway company, opposed the application on behalf of his company.

Mr. Davis stated that the syndicate he represented, which included Mr. Greenshields, of Montreal, was entirely competent to carry out the terms of the charter. Two charters had already been granted covering the route, which was from the United States boundary up the Flathead valley to the North Kootenay pass and the Alberta boundary. There were the South East Kootenay railway and the Flathead Valley road. He did not, however, see why any part of the province should be tied up in the interests of any one set of individuals. He said that his principals were interested in coal and oil lands and would probably seek a charter also from Alberta.

Mr. Davis maintained that there was no necessity for the building of the proposed line. He suggested that the company might build from the Alberta boundary to the point on the Flathead river where it intersected with the North Kootenay pass. He said that his company was fully prepared to carry out its plans. The new line would be the third covering the very same territory. Capital was scarce and was not available where the competition would be so keen. He said that his road would be completed next year.

"The Wolf"

Eugene Walter's melodrama, "The Wolf," is a strong production, and it was very well staged and admirably presented at the Victoria theatre last evening. Mr. Andrew Robson in the part of Jules Beaubien, made an excellent impression. All the characters are admirably drawn and were well sustained. There was a good sized audience and it was very appreciative. The finale was one of the most beautiful and effective scenes ever shown in Victoria, having a dramatic completeness that could hardly be surpassed.

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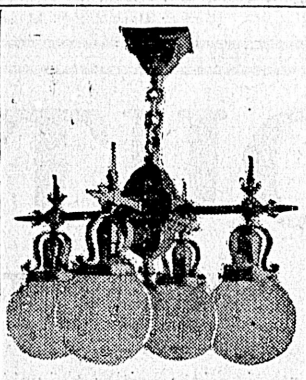
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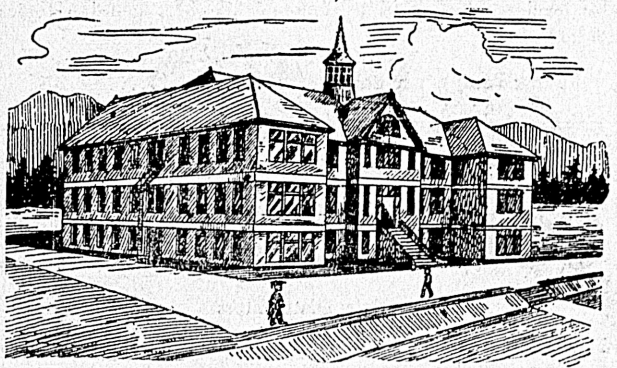
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The growing of flowers is a delightful occupation. No one who has not tried it can conceive of the pleasure to be derived from cultivating and caring for flowers. Like most hobbies it does the person who rides it good but unlike many, it also benefits the whole community. There are very few, whether young or old, who do not forget all that is painful, disagreeable or even evil at the sight of a lovely garden. No child who passes by but is made happier by the fragrant blossoms.

It is not only our neighbors and fellow citizens, whether young or old, as well as ourselves, who are benefited by our gardens. Visitors to the city admire what to many of them are rare flowers but which are seen growing everywhere in Victoria. Our lilies and abnuntums, japonicas, clematis and jasmies, as well as many varieties of roses, are never seen in such profusion in other parts of Canada. English visitors feel a thrill of delight as they catch glimpses of the snowdrops and all the delicate procession of spring flowers so familiar in their own gardens and hedgerows. As the season advances tourists cannot but admire the varied crimson and yellows of the late summer flowers and our sweet-peas fill the air with fragrance for many months. For our own pleasure, for the delight of our friends and their children and for the attraction of strangers we cannot have too many beautiful gardens. The Horticultural Society, by encouraging the growth of flowers and the production of the most perfect specimens of each variety is doing good work for the citizens.

It is perhaps, just because the outdoor flowers grow in such variety that the scarcity of exhibits of potted plants, of which the report complains, occurs. It is hard for the average householder to attend at once to a large window garden and to keep the lawn and outdoor plants in order. When a choice has to be made the flower lover wisely devotes her time and attention to the open air garden. It is very difficult for the amateur in this class to make anything like so good a showing as the professionals and wealthy owners of conservatories. The Victoria Horticultural Society should have a very large membership. Not only will the members learn from one another and catch each other's enthusiasm, but the books and periodicals that a large society can procure must be of great value to all who are studying the art of gardening.

It is to be hoped that the examination into the state of the theatres, with regard to danger from fire, will be thorough. All places where people congregate, and especially where large numbers of children are allowed to assemble, should be as safe as it is possible to make them. Every one will hope that the fears expressed in Mr. Higgins' letter are unfounded. If, however, any of the theatres is found, on a rigid inspection, to be unsafe, it should be closed till the necessary alterations are effected.

That the city council will favorably consider the letter of those who urge upon them the need of making provision in Victoria for the establishment of a juvenile court is confidently expected. It says much in support of the plea that the stipendiary magistrate should favor it. In most civilized communities, it is now recognized that children ought to be separated entirely from older and more hardened offenders. Far more important than the mode of trial is the power which the judge and the probation officer have of guarding children from evil. It must be remembered, however, that machinery intended for the reformation of children depends for its efficiency on those who operate it.

Mr. Kelso showed us, to the confusion of many good people, that in the act we already have, we had an agency which in his hands and those whom he has selected as his assistants, has accomplished wonderful results. It is sad to think how many children who, during the past few years, have been brought up for trial before the stipendiary magistrate might have been spared that disgrace if the public of Victoria had put the law in operation as has been done in Toronto. It is so much easier for us all to express sympathy or condemn evil doing and evil-doers than to bestir ourselves and make sacrifices in order to help them. If the children's Aid society in this or any other city is to accomplish great things its officers must receive not only the moral support of the public but have sufficient money at its disposal to carry out its plans. How much can be done by a small band of enthusiastic workers, with such support in this city has been shown in the case of the Protestant Orphanage, which in its way has done a great work in saving our neglected and dependent children for a life of future usefulness.

As the Children's Aid society, with one man at its head, of the spirit and energy of Mr. Kelso, may fail of accomplishing any great good so it may be that it needs a Judge Lindsay to make even the juvenile court a saving power in the community. The selection of the judge and of the probation officer as well as of those who have charge of the detention home, will

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ASH WEDNESDAY

This is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. In the early Christian church Lent began on what is now called the first Sunday in Lent. As then there were before Easter, only thirty-six days when Sundays, which are never fast days, were taken out, the forty days were made up by making Lent commence on the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday in Lent. This change, which took place before the end of the eighth century, is by some authorities ascribed to Pope Gregory.

Lent, which is derived from a Saxon word meaning spring, is observed in remembrance of Our Lord's fast of forty days. The first day was observed as a special day of humiliation. An old canon says:

"Ye shall begin your faste upon Ashe Wednesdaye. That day must ye come to holy church, and take ashes of the Priestes Hand, and thynke on the wordes that he sayeth over your heades, Memento, homo, quia cinis es, et in cinerem reverteris. Have mynde, thou man, of ashes thou art comen, and to ashes thou shalt tourne againe."

The worshipper was dressed in sack-cloth and the priest repeated the solemn words he made the sign of the Cross. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday were preserved from the Palm Sunday of the preceding year and were made from the palms consecrated on that day.

The ceremony of sprinkling ashes on the heads of the penitents, which is now discontinued in the English church, was among those reserved by the first Reformers in the reign of Henry VIII. The distinctive service of the day is now the reading of the Communion service, or the curses denounced against impenitent sinners.

As is to be expected, there are not many popular observances of this solemn day. There was, however, one curious custom observed during Lent in the royal households. An officer named the King's Cock Crower, instead of proclaiming the hour in the usual way of watchmen, crowed the hour each night. It is said that on the first Ash Wednesday after the accession of George I, his son, the Prince of Wales, imagined that the officer was insulting him and that the interpreter had great difficulty in persuading the German prince that a compliment and not an insult was intended. The custom, which was intended to remind the lister of the repentance of Peter and the need of like contrition, was discontinued. There is a proverb in Norfolk which says that whatever way the wind blows on Ash Wednesday it will continue during the whole of Lent. Henrik in his Noble Numbers has the following lines on the season of which this day is the beginning:

To Keep a True Lent.

"Is this a faste to keep
The larder lean
And cleane,
From fat of veales and sheep?
Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?
Is it to faste an houre,
Or rag'd to go,
Or slow
A down-cast look and sowre?
No; 'tis a faste to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soule.
It is to faste from strife,
From old debate,
And hate;
To circumsise thy life;
To show a heart grief-rent,
To starve thy sin,
Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent."

Indian Widows

In India a girl must be married before she reaches the age of 12, or she and often her whole family is ostracized and suffers under the loss of caste. Caste enforces rules and regulates marriages.

A man may be infirm, insane, loathsome, diseased, cruel and utterly improbate, says the National Congress of Mothers Magazine, yet he can receive into his power through marriage and deal with her as he will a little girl of any age under 12 if the caste relations between them are according to the laws of that system.

Accepting these sacrifices to be duty and suffering under caste compulsion themselves, the parents place and often even drive their helpless little daughter into the most cruel unions.

The census of 1891 gives these returns of early marriages in British India:

Females under 4 years of age 258,760; females from 5 to 9 years of age, 2,204,404; females from 10 to 14 years of age, 6,016,769, and these to men of all ages.

In 1901 two women travelled through India investigating these dreadful conditions. With hearts rent with what they had discovered they returned to the United States and spread their knowledge wherever opportunity permitted.

Thus they succeeded in enlisting practical sympathy, which has been embodied in the Indo-American Woman's Restoration League. The purpose of this organization is to aid in bringing about the enactment of a special law to protect the little girls of India until they are 16 from child marriage.

Great Britain in its treaty with India agreed never to interfere with the customs of the Hindu people. No change in law can therefore be made until India petitions that such laws be passed. The Indo-American Woman's Restoration League is working earnestly to organize the sentiment of the most thoughtful and advanced men of the Indian race thus to petition Great Britain.

Race pride and the conviction that child marriages are causing the deterioration of the Indian race may cause a change. The status of women in India is so low that such a change must be made for other reasons than pity for helpless childhood. The movement is one that must be kept distinct from missionary work, for the Hindu would not co-operate in any effort which savored of interference with his religion.

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LACROSSE CLUB MEETING

Executive to Arrange For Annual Gathering—President Optimistic

The work of preparing the Royal Athletic grounds for the summer season has begun. A gang of men were engaged on Monday and already some progress has been made. It is proposed to remove the low fence at the north side of the area, to wire in the face of the grand stand, to plough level, roll and seed the ground, and, after cutting the grass three or four times to lay out a baseball diamond directly in front of the spectator's seats, in a manner similar to that adopted by the Victoria ball club on Oak Bay. The directors of the Victoria Lacrosse association, who have charge of the athletic park, believe that it will be ready for use sometime in March, thus allowing plenty of time for preparation for the sports of the 24th of May, Victoria's holiday.

Executive Meeting
Tomorrow evening a meeting of the executive of the Victoria Lacrosse club will be held at which the date of the annual gathering will be fixed. It is understood that the general situation will be discussed and that President Foster Macgurn and those associated with him will endeavor to outline a plan of action calculated to bring about the mobilization of a fast, strong amateur twelve in time for the opening match of the British Columbia championship series. This will be the first time that the members at a later date. Just what is contemplated by Mr. Macgurn and other active workers is not known, but it is apparent that they believe that "up their sleeves" are all the cards necessary to the turning of the trick of giving Victoria a beautifully balanced and formidable team this year.

New Men to Assist
There is no doubt that they are depending, to a great extent, on the assistance received from new men, familiar with the Canadian national game. They have made inquiries of the players recently. It is said that no less than seven players have migrated here from the east and are ready to take up the cudgels in Victoria's behalf when the time arrives. Quite naturally the intelligence, verified by President Macgurn's return, has resulted in a buoyant elation of spirit among the enthusiasts. They are going to allow Vancouver and Westminster to proceed with their discussion of the relative advantages of amateurism and professionalism while they quietly proceed with the shaping up of a creditable twelve to represent this city in any amateur struggle that may be inaugurated.

DISCUSSES LACROSSE

Charles Quorrie Favors Adoption of Businesslike Methods

Montreal, Feb. 23.—Chas. Quorrie, manager of the Tecumseh Lacrosse club, Toronto, is in the city today on business in connection with the forthcoming lacrosse season and the Minto cup dates of matches with New Westminster. In an interview this morning Mr. Quorrie expressed himself as favoring government league on lines adopted in baseball, stating that he thought the business-like way baseball was managed was most suitable for a professional league. He also remarked that he was in favor of allowing players when properly released by his club to join any other club as his experience was that too often when a player was excluded from the game for a year he gave up lacrosse for good. Mr. Quorrie leaves Montreal for Ottawa tomorrow.

Canadians Again

Glasgow, Feb. 23.—In the concluding match of their Scottish visit, the Canadian curlers defeated the Tenth Province. The score was, Canadians 229, Tenth Province 129.

PRINTERS THE VICTORS

Pither & Leiser Bowlers Defeated Last Night in League Match

A team composed of printers defeated an aggregation representing Pither & Leiser at bowling on the Douglas Street alleys last night. The winning team rolled a good game and their win was well earned. They proved themselves to be a good fast team and it will require one that will travel at a fast clip to beat them. Another five composed of the employees of mercantile houses will tackle the printers next week and claim that they will show that there are other people who can bowl. If the printers win this game they will probably challenge the Vancouver stars as it will be a case of the best being none too good.

The Pither & Leiser team put up an excellent fight and are confident of victory when they meet next week.

The players and scores follow:

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Pither and Leiser.					
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.	Ave.
Gardner	187	188	149	524	175
Moran	204	186	188	578	193
Banner	113	134	118	365	122
Nason	114	139	167	420	140
Curtin	166	137	111	403	134
	773	784	733	2290	764

Pither and Leiser.

LEAGUE BASKETBALL

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Tacoma and Victoria Y. M. C. A. Teams Will Play International Match

The Tacoma and Victoria Y.M.C.A. teams will play an international league match this evening at Assembly hall. The latter side, in the series. If they are successful on this occasion it assures them the championship. Of course, later on they will have to engage in combat against the Vancouver quintette, but another victory would place them so far in the lead that it would be impossible for the Terminal city team to even matters. For this reason Victoria is out to win, and, with that object in view, the boys have been training faithfully for a week. They will take the floor in the best of condition and may be depended on to put up a first class exhibition. The Tacomas are considered one of the fastest teams of the league, and, as they are travelling with their strongest, it may be depended on that the fight will be keen and most interesting.

Appended is the league's present standing:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pct.
Victoria	8	5	3	0	625
Tacoma	7	4	3	0	571
Portland	10	5	5	0	500
Vancouver	8	2	1	5	500
Seattle	10	4	5	1	400
Bellingham	9	3	6	0	333

WALLABIES COMING

Australian Rugger Arrive Today and Play Tomorrow

The Wallabies, the Australian rugby team, will arrive from Vancouver this evening and tomorrow will line up against a Victoria fifteen for an exhibition match at the Oak Bay grounds. As it is assured that a splendid display of rugby will develop it is hoped that sportsmen will make a point of evincing their interest by attending in large numbers. While here the visitors will be entertained in various ways. Tomorrow night they will be the guests of the Victoria club at a smoker, the programme of which is being prepared.

PRACTICE TODAY

Victoria Ladies' Hockey Club Will Meet at Oak Bay Grounds

A practice of the Ladies' Hockey club will be held this afternoon commencing at 3 o'clock at the Oak Bay grounds. It is hoped that all the members will put in an appearance as it is important that the team should obtain just as much training as possible before the Vancouver ladies come down here for the return engagement.

May Sutton Won.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 23.—In the finals of the Southern California ten-

nis tournament on the Coronado court yesterday May Sutton and Simpson Sinsbaugh won the championship in the mixed doubles class by defeating Mrs. Ethel Bruce, sister of Miss Sutton, and Tom C. Bundy.

MERRIFIELD AND FOLEY MATCHED

Lightweight Boxing Contest to Take Place Here at Early Date

Kid Merrifield believes that he can out-box James Foley. Immediately after the last match between these two clever lightweight fighters, Merrifield, who lost the decision on points, asked for another engagement. The matter has been under consideration and the announcement was made yesterday that the challenge was accepted. Therefore the two lads who in every respect, particularly in weight and in speed and cleverness, are about the most evenly balanced pair that Victorians have had the pleasure of witnessing at work with the gloves will have a chance of settling the vexed question of superiority. Merrifield is delighted that an opportunity has been given him of regaining whatever prestige he may be considered to have lost as a result of the referee's award on the last occasion. He is going to get right down to work and does not disguise the fact that he feels confident that next time he will be able to conclusively demonstrate that he is Foley's master in ring generalship. In the fine points of the game, as well as endurance. As for Foley, it almost goes without saying that he is quite ready to take on the Kid. That he will be able again to set too fast a pace for his rival he does not hesitate to predict. He also will begin training without delay.

The date of the bout hasn't yet been arranged. That matter is under consideration and it is probable that the match will be brought off sometime early next month. It will be for the lightweight championship of Canada, a title that Foley has laid claim to as Cove, the only other legitimate aspirant to the honors, will not take on anyone weighing 133 lbs. Therefore the contest is likely to prove of more than local interest and doubtless the winner will have to deal with not a few challenges from outside points.

MINTO CUP GAMES

Westminster Wants to Know What Arrangements Tecumsehs Propose

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Manager Charlie Querre, of the Tecumseh lacrosse team, today received a letter from New Westminster club. They ask that the Tecumsehs let them know by March 9 whether they will go west for the Minto cup in June, or July. The Tecumsehs are figuring that by leaving here on or about June 22 they would lose only two Saturdays in the N.L.U., playing on the coast Thursday, July 1, and "Saturday" July 3. The trip is of course yet to be settled, but that is how they are figuring now. They would have to get permission of the N. L. U.

ATTELL TRIUMPHS

Reagan Beaten in Twenty-Round Go at San Francisco

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—In a ring battle with a local fighter, Attell, after having been knocked down four times by his sturdy opponent, Monte Attell, of this city, yesterday won from Jimmy Reagan, of Oakland, by Referee Tiv Kreiling's decision at the end of the twenty-round go.

The fight was a good one all the way. Both the bantamweights were in good shape and full of fighting spirit. Reagan was clearly outpointed as a boxer from the start, but his gameness and strength made Attell's chances look slim at one time.

It was in the sixth round that the Oaklander showed his hitting power. Just before the gong sounded he slipped a right swing like the kick of a mule to Attell's jaw and the San Franciscan dropped. The gong saved him, however, and he was carried to his corner in bad condition.

In the seventh Reagan knocked his man to his knees three times, but could not make a good job of it. In the eighth Monte came up strong and floored Reagan with a straight left to the chin. Reagan never fully recovered and Attell could have knocked him out had he been willing to risk it. He was content to maintain his lead and wait for a decision, however, and finished the fight a very tired boy, and bearing many marks of Reagan's gloves. Reagan's ability to take punishment was the feature of the fight.

STAKE RACES FOR EXHIBITION MEET

Agricultural Association Accepts Recommendations of Victoria Driving Club

The directors of the B. C. Agricultural association have decided to accept the recommendations of the Victoria Driving club that stake races be adopted in connection with the trotting and pacing events of the fall fair meet. Entries for these contests will close on May 20, it being necessary that twenty-five be received in order to insure their being called.

Appended is a complete list of the "early closing stakes" with the regulations under which they will be conducted:

1. Victoria Furse, 2.15 pacers, \$1,000.
2. Merchants' Furse, 2.09 pacers, \$1,500.
3. Breeders' Furse, 2.12 trotters, \$1,000.
4. The Directors' Furse, 2.20 trotters, \$1,000.
5. The Opening Handicap, 1 mile running, \$750. For 3-year-olds and over, of which \$150 to second and \$50 to third; weights announced Monday, Sept. 20, 1909.
6. The Farewell Handicap, 3/4-mile running, \$500. For 3-year-olds and upwards, of which \$100 to second and \$50 to third; weights to be announced Sept. 20, 1909.

In race No. 2 for the \$1,500 stake for 2.09 pacers, entrance will be charged only on \$1,000. The \$500 will be given as a free consolation purse for non-winning starters.

Conditions

Rules of the National Trotting association of which this association is a member, to govern, except where otherwise specified. Entrance fee, 5 per cent of purse and 5 per cent additional from money winners (except where otherwise specified), payable 2 per cent May 20, when horse must be entered, balance before starting. All races, mile heats, 3 in 5, but no race longer than five heats, and money paid according to summary at end of fifth heat. Right to declare off any race that does not fill satisfactorily or change order of programme. Nominators may enter two horses from the same stable in any one race by the payment of one per cent additional for that privilege, due when entry is made. Only one of the two horses so entered to be started in the race, except where proper transfer is made according to rule, and full entrance fee paid on each entry. Entries to be made with E. Smart, manager, P. O. Drawer 761, Victoria, B. C.

In Boston some days ago they predicted that Longboat would not race Shrubbs at so early a date as Feb. 25, not because Pat Powers was losing his grip on the Indian, but as the Journal says, because Powers is anxious to pull off a race in Madison Square Garden on March 17, and Longboat is sure to be one of the contestants, whether it be in a match or a four-cornered race. The vice president has an inkling that Shrubbs can trim the red man for fifteen miles and it is not at all likely that he would want Longboat to be a beaten man when the March 17 race is held. It hardly seems probable that Longboat would consent to a race with Shrubbs under twenty miles. This same writer is almost sure that the sure money bet on the starter as he was about the Marathon in which Shrubbs did not finish.

BRITT OUTPOINTED BY JOHNNY SUMMERS

Young Briton Defeated American in Fast Twenty-Round Bout

London, Feb. 23.—Johnny Summers, the English pugilist, tonight received the decision over Jimmy Britt, of California, in a twenty round bout. The fight was held before the National Sporting club and a large crowd was present, there being great interest in the bout, owing to the lively fight these two men had put up last November. On that occasion the go was a ten round affair, and Britt was the victor. Tonight Summers got the decision, possibly by a narrow margin.

Both Summers and Britt had trained hard for the meeting, and were in far better condition than when they met before.

During the early stages, Britt did most of the leading, apparently starting out with a view to securing a knock out. He made the mistake, however, of holding in clinches more than is usual in England, and came in for much adverse criticism and several warnings from Eugene Carrey, who officiated as referee.

Britt also had the misfortune to slip twice to the floor, when engaged in lively mixups, and these falls were almost as effective in taking the speed out of him as though they had resulted from a right or left swing.

Up to the sixth or eighth round, Britt had the better of the bout, but from that on till the end Summers proved slightly better and the decision in Summers' favor was a popular one. Before leaving the ring, Britt said that he was glad to have won, but that he had no complaint to make, but he still thought he was the better man.

Another Marathon.

New York, Feb. 23.—Another Marathon race of interest will be run in this city on March 6, at the Sixty-ninth Regiment armory, when Matthew Maloney, the famous long-distance runner who showed such remarkable powers of endurance recently, will meet Patrick White, the Irish champion. Maloney not long ago entered the ranks of professionalism, and the coming race will be for a purse of \$2,000, with \$500 to go to the loser.

Westminster "Mum"

Every lacrosse official in New Westminster is "mum." They are not discussing lacrosse nowadays and will await the result of the annual meeting on March 18, before mapping out a programme for the ensuing season. The champions are not at all pleased with the idea of postponing the Minto match to next year, but to time, just because the eastern teams desire more time to prepare for the contests. They might just as well come after the cup now or not at all because a little post-

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ponement will not do the eastern men any good. If New Westminster can get the old guard out again, the eastern teams will stand no more show of getting the cup in midsummer than they do right today.—News-Advertiser.

Results at Oakland.

First Race—Brush Up 1, St. Avon 2, Toll Box 3.
Second Race—Elfin Bean 1, Jalk Dennerlin 2, Warfare 3.
Third Race—Legatee 1, Harry Rogers 2, Rotran 3.
Fourth Race—Fanatic 1, Rose Queen 2, Cressini 3.
Fifth Race—Ed Davis 1, Colbert 2, Romanoff 3.
Sixth Race—Fire Ball 1, Ocean Shore 2, Little Sis 3.

Races for February 24—First race, 3/4 furlongs, colts—Olie James, 112; Sallan, 109; J. Y. Ligon, 109; Graham, 108; Alder Gulch, 105; Napa Nic, 104; Tozier Kink, 104; Terrigo, 101; San Leandre, 101; Wickett, 101; Sixteen, 100; Second race, 6/8 furlongs—Ellord, 114; Kokomo, 111; Constancia, 109; Grace G., 109; San Gil, 108; Emma G., 106; Keep Moving, 101; Galsina, 100; Faneul Hall, 97; Ice Brick, 97; Yakima Belle, 95; Bright Skies, 95.
Third Race, 6/8 furlongs, selling—Little Minister, 111; Bazil, 111; Mlnot, 111; York Dancer, 111; Darrington, 111; Glavano Bolero, 111; Boas, 108; Cuernavaca, 108; Densen, 103; Otego, 100; Minalto, 100; Apto Oro, 100.
Fourth race, 1-1/16 mile, purse—Frastone, 120; Fullerton, 105; Nadza, 96; Import, 94; Warden, 90.
Fifth race, one mile and twenty yards selling—Woolen, 114; Husky, 111; Dolie Dollars, 109; Stevens, 107; First Peep, 107; O'Kenite, 107; Standover, 105; Lord Rossington, 104; Red Leaf, 103; A. Muscaday, 103; Remember, 103; Raleigh, 97.

Sixth race, 6/8 furlongs—Fred Bent, 111; John H., 111; Gypsie King, 111; Walter Griswell, 111; Bannopol, 109; Convent Bell, 108; Fantastic, 109; Gene Russell, 108; Adena, 105; Little Mac, 104; Ace of Diamonds, 100; Carmisna 95.

AT HALF TIME

A new club has been established in Victoria. It is called the "Victoria Athletic association," and has secured splendid headquarters on Broad street. While its object, ultimately, is to branch into all forms of sport, at present it is proposed to confine its attention to amateur boxing, wrestling, and other indoor exercises. It is hoped that all sportsmen will put their shoulders to the wheel and endeavor to assist the young men interested in this movement towards the stimulation of interest in manly amusement in this city.

The Colonist has inaugurated a column of "Club Room Gossip" in connection with the Sunday sporting section. Up to the present the V. W. A. A., J. B. A. A. and Y. M. C. A. have made contributions. Material for this department will be welcomed from any bona fide local athletic organization. It is considered a splendid method of keeping the public in close touch with the different institutions which have their homes here and are frequented by the youth of the city. Notes must be forwarded to the office not later than Thursday of each week.

Congratulations to the Y. M. C. A. basketball team. They deserve the same from all sportsmen. Truly they have acquitted themselves proudly. Having won the local senior league they turned their attention to the international arena and so consistently have they played that only Vancouver remains to be vanquished in order that the cup may repose here for a year. The mainlanders are formidable rivals but nothing can daunt the intrepid spirits of the dauntless Victoria quintette. Good luck be with them.

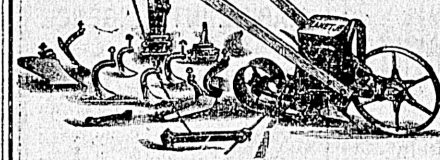
With the Pacific Coast soccer league won by Nanaimo, and the McKeenine cup, symbol of the British Columbia championship, taken by Vancouver, the two chief trophies of the season have gone from Victoria. There yet remains the provincial association football. And it is consoling to remember that the Victoria-United team is in earnest in its determination to capture this honor while the Victoria West representatives are out for the premier place in the second division competition. It may yet prove that this city's athletes will obtain their fair share of the winter season's offerings.

"A few of us may meet the boat to see and sorter size him up but there ain't goin' to be no demonstration." Thus spoke a prominent colored gentleman when asked yesterday whether it was the intention of his countrymen to welcome Jack Johnson, the negro heavyweight, on his arrival in the city from Australia early next month.

There is much jubilation among the members of the Ladies' Hockey club. They won their first match against the Vancouver eleven on Saturday and, quite naturally, they feel elated. Commenting on the result an enthusiast yesterday said: "The natural result of good hard practicing on the part of the Victoria Ladies' Hockey club was the outcome of their recent match with the Terminal City. The perfect condition of the grounds made the game most spectacular. Miss Hall, who played for Victoria among the forwards, was responsible for the goal. She played a brilliant game throughout. Miss Bayne in goal assisted by Miss J. Vincent and Miss K. Dalby, at full-back, made a splendid defence. Of the half-backs, Miss Lubbe was one of the most prominent. On the Vancouver team the Misses Lett, Burpee, and Boulton had all they could do to keep the Victoria's score down. Miss E. Burpee, at centre, played a strong game. Many determined rushes were made by both sides, the most noticeable being that of Miss Lett, who, in a scrimmage in front of the Vancouver goal and which was interrupted by the referee's whistle announcing the expiration of time. Miss Melhuish made an impartial referee. A return match will be played in Victoria at an early date.

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NEW STEAMER TO BE BUILT

C. P. R. Will Give Contract
Shortly for Twin-Screw
Steamer

TO TRANSFER E. & N. FLEET

The Vessels to Be Officially
Taken Over on Monday
Next

The contract will be let shortly for the construction of a twin-screw wooden passenger steamer of the approximate size of the Charnier to replace the steamer City of Nanaimo on the Victoria-Nanaimo-Comox route of the C. P. R. coasting service. The new steamer will be designed for the route, and will be suitable in every particular for the trade. The steamer Charnier is at present relieving the steamer Joan on the Nanaimo-Vancouver route and will be engaged in that service for about a month while the Joan is undergoing a thorough overhaul. Capt. Ritchie of the Joan has been transferred to the Charnier. It is probable that the steamer will ultimately be placed on that run instead of the Joan.

Arrangements have been made for the transfer of the steamers City of Nanaimo, Joan, tug Nanosee, and other vessels of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railroad company to the C. P. R. British Columbia coast service. When the railway company was taken over by the C. P. R. with the steamships belonging to the company the steamers were kept on the books of the railroad company and the new tug Nanosee was registered in the name of the railway company. The stacks remained black instead of being painted with the familiar yellow and black top of the C. P. R. fleet. The transfer will be made on Monday next.

Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the C. P. R. coast steamship fleet, has returned from Vancouver after discussing the proposed schedules for the interport and northern steamers during the coming season. It is proposed to operate the steamers Princess Royal and Princess May on the Skagway route this season, probably on a weekly schedule, although arrangements have not been definitely made. The Amur, Princess Beatrice and Queen City will be operated to northern ports, including Queen Charlotte Islands, and with the five steamers running north all calling at Prince Rupert the C. P. R. will have a service with scant laps of time between calls at the new railway terminus in the north.

The arrangements for the Victoria-Seattle-Vancouver service for the coming season have not yet been definitely completed, but it is expected the Princess Charlotte will relieve the steamer Princess Victoria about the middle of next month while that vessel undergoes an overhaul. The following News-Advertiser prints the following regarding the "three funnel fleet": "Too much credit cannot be bestowed upon the Canadian Pacific Railway by the travelling public and especially the citizens of Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle for their untiring efforts to afford the safest, speediest

A MOTHER'S TALK TO MOTHERS

What Zam-Buk Did in a Western Home

Here is just one illustration of the wisdom of keeping a box of Zam-Buk always handy. It is a true record of the varied uses to which this great balm was put—with highly satisfactory results in every case—in just one family, and during a few months only. Mrs. C. J. Irlam, of 907 William Avenue, Winnipeg, makes the report as follows:

"I have found Zam-Buk so very useful as a household balm that I want to make its merits still more widely known. Some eight weeks ago my brother, Mr. C. Proctor, happened a serious accident. While at work, a rusty nail penetrated the palm of his right hand. The rust of the nail poisoned the flesh and inflammation set in quickly. He went to the General Hospital and consulted a doctor, who advised poulticing to draw out the poison. This was applied, but when there was no improvement after a few days, I began applying Zam-Buk balm, leaving off poultices. "The effect was almost magical! Zam-Buk soothed the pain, drew out the poison, and allayed all inflammation. Healing then commenced, and in a few days he was able to resume work. "Six weeks ago my husband, Mr. C. J. Irlam, while returning from work quite late in the evening, was bitten by a dog, the dog's teeth penetrating the flesh on his thigh just above the knee. Directly he came home Zam-Buk was applied to the wound, and in a few days the soreness was gone and the wound thoroughly healed. "A third instance of the healing power of Zam-Buk was provided when my little boy had a nasty fall. He is five years old, and was playing one day when he fell. His head struck on a sharp stone, which cut a nasty gash. As soon as I had washed the cut I applied Zam-Buk in the usual way, and it was really wonderful how quickly it relieved the little fellow's pain. Within a week the cut—deep one—was quite healed. "Every mother who once proves the all-round value of Zam-Buk will never again be without it."

Zam-Buk is a pure herbal balm, and cures cuts, burns, bruises, abscesses, ulcers, eczema, scalds, ringworm, chapped hands, cold-sores, frost-bites, bad leg, inflamed patches, etc. It also cures piles. Used as an embrocation it will be found to remove rheumatism, sciatica, and neuralgia. All druggists and stores sell at 50c, a box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light rain, thick, wind south, 14 miles an hour.
Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southeast, 12 miles an hour. In, steamer Watson at 10 a.m.

By Wireless
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, calm, wind southeast. Bar. 30. temp. 55. Sea rough.
Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Rain, hazy in inlet. Bar. 29.92, temp. 34.
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light rain, thick, wind south, 14 miles an hour. Bar. 30, temp. 33. In, schooner during night.
Estevan, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, and southeast breeze. Bar. 30.02, temp. 37. Sea moderate.
Pachena, 8 a.m.—Rain, thick Bar. 30, temp. 42. Sea moderate.

Cape Lazo, noon—Cloudy, a strong southeast wind. Bar. 29.75. Sea moderate.
Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Bar. 30.09, temp. 46. Thick haze in inlet.
Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southeast, 12 miles an hour. Bar. 30.02, temp. 48. Passed in, schooner at 9.30 a.m. and steamer Watson at 10.10 a.m.
Estevan, noon—Squally, gales, rain. Bar. 29.32, temp. 47.
Pachena, noon—Strong, southeast wind. Bar. 30.02, temp. 47.
Estevan, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a southeast gale. Bar. 29.70, temp. 40. Sea rough. No shipping.
Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Bar. 29.82, temp. 49.
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Light rain, wind southwest, 30 miles an hour. Bar. 29.85, temp. 38. In, U. S. steamer Manning.
Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Heavy rain, thick. Moderate southeast gale. Bar. 29.74, temp. 34.

and most luxurious passenger vessels operating in any part of the American continent, in fact, in any part of the world, for it was in England, where the best class of boats are built, that it was stated the travelling public of the West must be extravagant to demand such an elaborate design of a vessel as the Princess Charlotte, which was then about to be launched. With the addition of the Princess Charlotte to the local fleet of the company, which will shortly be placed on the triangular route between Vancouver, Seattle and Victoria, the Canadian Pacific Railway company has not only the safest and fastest fleet of vessels to be found running in and out of any port. The "Three funnel fleet" is an appropriate name and is sure to become popular as it distinguishes these boats from all others. The Princess Charlotte will be placed on the Vancouver-Seattle-Victoria run, about the middle of March.

BUSY WEEK AT THE OUTER WHARVES

Two Blue Funnel Liners and Empress of Japan Expected at Docks Today

Many steamers are expected at the outer wharf this week. Today there will be three large liners in port, two big Blue Funnel freighters and the white liner Empress of Japan. The steamer Keempson is coming from Tacoma to discharge 1,250 tons of general merchandise brought from the United Kingdom for local merchants and the steamer Cyclops is coming from Liverpool to load salt and canned salmon and salt herring, and 140,000 feet of lumber from saws. The C.P.R. mail steamer Empress of Japan is scheduled to sail on her regular trip to Hongkong via the usual ports of call. For some days past small freighters have arrived bringing salt herring from Nanaimo for shipment to Japan and China. The business done in the export of salt herring this season has totalled over 25,000 tons. A great deal of it is in the hands of Japanese.

Tomorrow the steamer Lonsdale of the Canadian Mexican line which was delayed at Mexican ports is expected from Salina Cruz and way ports, and on Friday the steamer Moana is expected from Vancouver outbound to Australia. The French steamer Admiral Duperré is on the way inward, and is expected about the end of the week, arrangements having been made for the steamer to enter the drydock at Esquimalt to be cleaned and painted.

Notice to mariners, given by the U. S. hydrographic department, that on February 1, 1909, the following depths at the average of the lower low waters were reported at the several points named:

	Feet.
San Diego, cut across middle ground	24½
San Pedro	20
Rogue River Bar	7
Yaquina Bay Bar	15
Umpqua River Bar	10
Coos Bay Bar	18
Coquille River Bar	9
Klamath River Bar	8
Willapa Bay	27
Grays Harbor Bar	21
Columbia River Bar	22

The Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, Limited, succeeded in earning a larger net profit in its year to September 30 last than in the previous twelve months. The earnings distribution is, of course, in proportion to the investment interest on investments of £21,000, which compares with £68,744, including the balance brought forward and transfer fees, there is £84,722 from which to deduct auditors' fees, debenture interest and interim dividend, the sum then remaining being £46,188. The final dividend (making with the interim distribution is, 7d. per share for the year) amounts to £21,000, and there is left to carry forward £14,621. It is recommended that a bonus of 2½d. a share be paid out of the insurance fund. The steamer Tordenskyld reached San Francisco from Nanaimo on Monday with 6,000 tons of coal.

LARGER APPROPRIATION FOR HARBOR WORK

Inner Harbor Association Advised That \$150,000 Will Be Expended

The Inner Harbor Association of Victoria has been advised by G. H. Barnard, M.P., that an appropriation of \$150,000 has been made for dredging and drilling rocks in the inner harbor. This sum is more than twice the amount expended last year, and it is proposed to deepen the upper basin above the Esquimalt and Nanaimo bridge to a depth of 25 feet at mean low water and the channel and outer basin of the inner harbor to a depth of 20 feet at the lowest state of the tide, which will give a mean average depth of about 25 feet. The dredge Maudslayi is now engaged in deepening the upper harbor, where it is proposed to lift about a million and a quarter yards of silt. Loading berths at the Sayward mills have already been deepened to a depth of 25 feet and the whole area of the upper harbor is to be cut to this depth. The drill is now engaged in cutting away the remains of Tusso or Beaver rock. Efforts are being made to have the number of drills increased, it being proposed to use three drills which can be operated with the same amount of steam. Plans will be prepared by Mr. Keefer before the new scheme of work is entered into.

Much interest is being displayed in the proposals of Mr. Sorby for the improvement of the harbor by a cut through the Indian reserve. The cutting will add greatly to the area for berth space.

At Vancouver proposals are being made for a deep water harbor similar to the scheme advanced for a breakwater from Holland point to the water for an outer harbor at Victoria. The English and Burwell, have written to the city council at Vancouver regarding their project as follows:

"This enlargement is accomplished by means of a breakwater, extending from a point on Spanish bank, and running in a northeasterly direction along a line where the depth of water is shown by the admiralty chart to be nine fathoms. "The length of the breakwater would be about two miles, and by its construction the large area of about 3,600 acres would be created into a well-protected deep-water harbor, at a comparatively small cost.

"This improvement in addition to the dredging out of the Flat mounds, False Creek and Coal Harbor, and a canal connecting Coal harbor with English bay, would give Vancouver ideal facilities for shipping, and have a tremendous effect in the advancement of this progressing seaport.

"The construction of the breakwater would open up facilities for almost countless enterprises, and offer a splendid site for the construction of drydocks on the westerly portion of the admiralty reserve.

"The reclaimed frontage along the inside portion of the breakwater could be utilized for docks and industries, and the foreshore in front of the Indian reserve at the entrance to False creek could be converted into city docks.

"In building the breakwater three methods of making the filling can be pursued, as follows: A large portion of the brush and earth filling can be made with the aid of a double-track railway trestle which would be extended out into the bay as the filling proceeds. This was the method adopted in mending the large break in the bank of the Colorado river, and worked out very successfully. The filling placed by this method could be taken from the high banks at Point Grey, where it could be excavated and loaded on cars by steam shovels, and thence hauled in trainloads to the work. A large part of the heavy riprap to be placed on the upper and outside face of the breakwater could also be hauled in this manner. A portion of the filling would be made by means of hydraulic dredges. "The cost of the breakwater is estimated at \$1,000,000.

At all the North Pacific coast ports there is agitation under way for port improvement. At Seattle C. E. Fowler, engineer and member of the Seattle Harbor commission, in an interview, speaking of the essentialness of port development said: "London has expended nearly \$300,000,000 in improvements, Glasgow about \$100,000,000 and the New York City Dock Department in the neighborhood of \$60,000,000 and on this coast, Portland has expended several million dollars, and San Francisco upwards of \$25,000,000 in development work. New York, Baltimore, New Orleans, San Francisco and Portland are all carrying out harbor improvements under municipal or port district control, and have had to face most of the problems that will come up in such work here in our own harbor.

REINSURANCE ADVANCED ON THE FORT GEORGE

Overdue Ship's Long Passage Is Causing Grave Anxiety—Fire on River Fallock

Reinsurance on the overdue American ship Fort George, which left New York on July 26 for Honolulu, has been advanced to 70 per cent. Usually a smart sailor, it is generally recognized that she has met with disaster and will never be heard of. Among some shipping men it is believed that she ran ashore near Cape Horn, it having been reported that two unknown vessels were seen in this vicinity.

Advices have been received of a fire in the British sailing ship River Fallock while at Culebra, Colombia. The River Fallock is a vessel of 1,637 tons, built in 1884, and owned by Andrew Weir & Co. She is reported to have 2,200 tons of coal on board, and is covered for £8,000.

It is announced that the Hamburg Underwriters' association has struck Norwegian ships out of its tariff, and with two exceptions—Imbro, cargoes from Laguna, and from Halmi—Hamburg underwriters will in future quote extra premiums for goods shipped on board Norwegian sailing ships.

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WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CHARTER MARKET

French Vessel Accepts Lowest Grain Rate of the Season—Lumber Business Quiet

The only grain charter of importance during the week was the fixture of the French bark Jean-Bart to load barley here for U. K. at 13s 9d, which is equal to 12s 6d for wheat, or the lowest charter of the season, says the Commercial News. In its weekly review of the freight and charter market it is understood that the British ship Inverness-shire loads wheat at Tacoma for U. K. instead of lumber, as was formerly announced.

At the latest meeting of the Sailing Ship Owners International Union it was decided to remove the minimum rate on grain freights from San Francisco as of February 3 to last until May 1. The meeting of the union will be held in May in London. Lumber chartering has been quiet. The British ship Aberfoyle has been fixed to load lumber at Portland for Mollendo at 40s for a cargo of 12,000, 000 only. Coastwise chartering is slow, the latest fixture being \$3.75 Puget Sound to this port.

Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s; Port Pirie, 30s 3/4; 2s 6d; to Free-mantle, 27s 6d; to Japan ports (steamers), 30s; Callao, 33s 9d; direct nitrate ports, 33s 9d; Valparaiso for orders, 40s 4d; 2s 6d less to a direct port; to South African ports, 42s 6d; to U. K. or Continent, 41s 3d @ 42s 6d. Guaymas, Santa Rosa, \$7. Liverpool mail advances give the following fixtures: Tyne to San Francisco 18s stiffened at 13s. Melbourne to U. K. 23s; South Australia 22s 6d, Adelaide 18s for an early ship and Freemantle 20s for the same. Nitrate freights easier, with 12s 6d barley obtainable.

NEW ATLANTIC SERVICE TO ST. LAWRENCE PORTS

Steamer Canada Will Inaugurate the White Star Line in April—Largest Liners in Canadian Trade

The White Star line announce that their joint service with the Dominion line from the Mersey to Quebec and Montreal will be inaugurated with the departure of the Dominion liner Canada on April 22. She will be followed by the White Star triple-screw steamer Laurentic, 15,340 tons, on April 29, which steamer, in conjunction with her sister-ship the twin-screw steamer Megantic, 15,000 tons (the two largest in the Canadian trade), and the steamers Dominion, Niagara and Vancouver of the Dominion line, will maintain a regular weekly service to and from Canada. The Laurentic is now completed, and her trials now being run will provide valuable data for the White Star company, inasmuch as she is propelled by both turbine and reciprocating engines. It is believed that if her combination engines are a success as regards speed and economy, the two huge vessels now being built for the White Star line at Belfast, and which will eclipse anything afloat in regard to size, will be similarly equipped.

The four-masted schooner Bangor came near going on the beach near Westport, Oregon, on Monday, and was saved only by the prompt appearance of a tug. She was towed over the bar at Bandon on Sunday, and dropped anchor at the usual distance from the entrance. The wind was blowing about nine miles from the southwest and in spite of the fact that every bit of canvas was set the vessel drifted toward the beach. Distress signals were displayed and a tug hastened to the rescue, getting a line to the vessel in the nick of time. She was towed further off shore, and catching a favorable wind got away without further trouble.

Battered by repeated storms and with half her deckload of lumber missing, the steam schooner Daisy Mitchell arrived at San Francisco on Monday.

TENDENCY OF THE TIMES

TENDENCY OF MEDICAL SCIENCE TOWARDS PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

Pneumonia, One of the Most Dangerous and Often Fatal Diseases, Can Be Prevented.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza, (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in recent years, and can be relied on with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that there is fever and difficulty in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures.

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Monday from Portland, 142 hours out. The little vessel experienced such rough usage during the tempests that little hope of saving her was entertained at one time. She was boarded by heavy seas and the engine room and galley were flooded. The vessel was saved by jettisoning part of the deckload.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive	Due
Aki Maru	Mar. 4
Empress of China	Mar. 6
From Australia	
Makura	Mar. 9
Aorangi	April 3
From Mexico	
Lonsdale	Feb. 25
Christian Bors	Feb. 24
From Skagway	
Princess May	Mar. 7
Port Northern British Columbia Ports	
Princess Beatrice	Mar. 4
Queen City	Mar. 4
From West Coast	
Tees	Feb. 28
From San Francisco	
Governor	Mar. 3
Queen	Mar. 3
City of Puebla	Mar. 15
From Mauritius	
Str. Clan McFarlane	
From New York	
Str. Foxton Hall	
Sailing Vessels	Date
Left	
Elwath	Talpeh
Euphrosyne	Callao
David Evans	Callao
Steamers to Sail	For the Orient
Vessel	Date
Empress of Japan	Feb. 24
Tango Maru	Mar. 2
For Australia	
Moana	Feb. 26
Makura	Mar. 26
Aorangi	April 23
For Mexico	
Lonsdale	Mar. 1
Empress of China	Mar. 4
For Skagway	
Princess May	Mar. 8
Port Northern British Columbia Coast	
Princess Beatrice	Feb. 29
Queen City	Mar. 7
For West Coast	
Tees	Mar. 1
For San Francisco	
Queen	Feb. 25
City of Puebla	Mar. 3
Governor	Mar. 9

Local Steamers	Victoria-Seattle
S. S. Princess Royal	
Leave Victoria 3:30 p. m. daily except Tuesday. Arrive Seattle 9 p. m. daily except Tuesday.	
Leave Seattle 10 p. m. daily except Tuesday. Arrive Vancouver 7:30 a. m. daily except Wednesday.	
Leave Vancouver 9 a. m. daily except Wednesday. Arrive Victoria 2:15 p. m. daily except Wednesday.	
S. S. Princess Victoria	
Leave Victoria 2 p. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Vancouver 7 p. m. daily except Monday.	
Leave Vancouver 10 p. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Seattle 7:30 a. m. daily except Tuesday.	
Leave Seattle 8:30 a. m. daily except Tuesday. Arrive Victoria 1 p. m. daily except Tuesday.	

Victoria-Vancouver	
Str. Princess Charlotte	
Leave Victoria 12:30 a. m. daily. Arrive Vancouver 7 a. m. daily.	
Leave Vancouver 7 p. m. daily. Arrive Victoria 6:30 p. m. daily.	
Princess Victoria	
Leaves Victoria 2 p. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Vancouver 7 p. m. except Monday.	
Leaves Vancouver 3 a. m. daily except Wednesday. Arrive Victoria 2:15 p. m. daily except Wednesday.	
Victoria-Seattle, via Port Townsend	
Leaves Victoria 5 p. m. daily except Thursday. Arrives daily at 2:20 p. m.	
Upper Fraser River	Beaver
Leaves New Westminster 8 a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.	
Leaves Chilliwack 7 a. m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landing between New Westminster and Chilliwack.	

Vancouver-Nanaimo (E. & N. Ry.)	
Joan	
Leaves Nanaimo 7 a. m.	
Leaves Vancouver 2 p. m. daily except Sunday.	
Victoria-Nanaimo-Comox-Union	
S. S. City of Nanaimo	
Leave Victoria Tuesday at 7 a. m. Arrive Nanaimo Tuesday at 4 p. m.	
Leave Nanaimo Saturday at 2 p. m. Arrive Victoria Saturday at 9 p. m.	
Leave Nanaimo Wednesday at 7 a. m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Wednesday at 2 p. m.	
Leave Union Bay and Comox Thursday at 7 a. m. Arrive Nanaimo Thursday at 2 p. m.	
Leave Nanaimo Friday 7 a. m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Friday at 2 p. m.	
Leave Union Bay and Comox Saturday at 1:30 p. m. Arrive Nanaimo Saturday at 1:30 p. m.	
Sidney to Gulf Islands	Iroquois
Leaving Sidney Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday on arrival of V. & S. train.	

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Destination—	Puget Sound
Sydney, 28s 9d to Tuesday	or 30s
Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s to 32s 6d	
Port Pirie	30s
Freemantle	30s
River Plate Ports	37s 6d
Japan Ports	42s 6d
Shanghai	50s
Taku	30s
Callao	40s
Direct to Nitrate ports... 33s 9d to 40s	
Valparaiso for orders to discharge there and, or, at one other port not north of Pangua, 2s 6d less direct. 41s 3d to 42s 6d	
South Africa ports, Cape Town, Delagoa Bay, etc., 45s	
Direct Port United Kingdom... 47s 6d	
Cork for orders to discharge at a safe port, United Kingdom or Continent between H. and H. 47s 6d	
Grain	
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VICTORIA-VANCOUVER

Princess Charlotte	Princess Victoria	Princess Royal	Princess Charlotte
12.30 a.m. d'y	2.00 p.m. d'y	2.15 p.m. d'y	6.00 p.m. d'y
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

J. H. Hughes, of Ladysmith, is at the King Edward.

Mrs. Roberts, of Sidney, is confined to the Jubilee hospital seriously ill.

Mrs. S. Wise left last night on a short visit to friends in Vancouver.

W. Y. McArthur left last night via the C.P.R. for Chicago.

Mrs. Singleton-Wise left for Vancouver on a visit last night.

Mrs. Ker gave a delightful Bridge tea on Tuesday at her residence.

Mr. John Blackell, a merchant of Ladysmith, is at the Dominion.

Mr. R. Gillespie, of Vernon, is at the Dominion.

Dr. J. K. Woolson, of Ladner, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Dominion.

Mr. G. J. Mout came over from Ganges Harbor yesterday, and is stopping at the Dominion.

Mr. John Shields arrived in town from Ashcroft last evening and is stopping at the Driford.

Mr. Henry Fry came down from Chemainus yesterday and is stopping at the Dominion.

Mr. W. B. Byers, of Vernon, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the King Edward.

Mr. H. Hogan came down from Ladysmith yesterday and is staying at the King Edward.

Miss Macneal came down from Cowichan yesterday, and is staying at the King Edward.

Mr. F. H. Smart came down from Shawinigan last evening and is staying at the King Edward.

Mr. H. H. Matthews, of Nicola, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the King Edward.

Mr. J. M. Rundle came down from Nanaimo yesterday, and is stopping at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Skinner of Toronto, arrived in town last evening and are staying at the Dominion.

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Mrs. Nash intends leaving for an extended trip for Redlands, Cal., with her children on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Hingleton, from Winnipeg, are spending a few weeks with friends in this city.

Mrs. and Miss Mallory from St. Paul, Minn., are on a short visit to friends in the city.

Mr. R. L. Ballantyne, from Denver, Col., is on a business visit to the city.

Mr. B. Parkington, from Regina, Sask., is over in the city for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Belfoy, from Tacoma, are over in Victoria for a short visit.

Mr. Russell, managing director of the Prince Rupert-Vancouver Meat company, is over in the city on business.

Mrs. S. R. Bethbridge, from New York, is spending a short time in the city.

Mrs. R. Hayward will receive at her home, Oak Bay avenue, opposite Norwood, next Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Alex. McDermott, of Dallas road, will not receive on Wednesday next.

Miss Marie Lefave left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a visit to relatives in Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowley of Calgary, left last night on their return home after a month's visit with friends here.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Mrs. J. R. Emery was among the outgoing passengers by the V. & S. railway yesterday afternoon.

Noel Wilkinson left for Saanichton by the V. & S. railway yesterday afternoon.

Miss Johns, of John's Crossing, was in the city yesterday. She left by the V. & S. train in the afternoon.

F. H. Stewart, of Shawinigan Lake, is in the city. He arrived by the noon E. & N. train yesterday.

M. D. Byers, of Vernon, came over from the mainland yesterday and is registered at the King Edward.

Mr. Irving H. Wheatcroft came over to town from James Island yesterday, and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. S. Blath, of Chicago, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. H. H. Miller arrived in town last evening from Toronto, and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Dods came down from Chemainus yesterday and are staying at the Empress.

Mr. Andrew Robson, of the city of New York, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. S. H. Bowman, of Minneapolis, arrived in the city last evening and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. W. H. Rowley, of Ottawa, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. H. H. Hebb, of Montreal, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Driford.

Mr. F. D. Tucker, of St. John, N.B., arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Driford.

Mr. A. C. Merritt, of Winnipeg, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Driford.

Mr. Darcy Tate, who has been spending a week very profitably in Edmonton, returned to town last evening and is again registered at the Empress.

Miss MacDonald, who has been in the city visiting friends, left for her home at Sidney yesterday afternoon by the V. & S.

Messrs. Converse and Brown, after transacting business in the city, returned to Sidney yesterday afternoon by the V. & S. train.

Mrs. Boorman and family desire to thank their friends for the flowers and many kind letters of sympathy received in their bereavement.

R. Marpole, executive agent of the C.P.R. in British Columbia, returned to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Hon. William Templeman and Mrs. Templeman, accompanied by B. Nichols, left last night via the C.P.R. for Ottawa.

Joseph Eckerley left yesterday via the Northern Pacific and the American liner St. Paul on a three months' trip to England and the continent.

Thomas Black, of the Great West Wire Fence Co., of Winnipeg, is in the city, visiting C. B. Jones, the local agent.

E. B. Hussey, of the White Pass and Yukon Railway company, arrived from the sound by the steamer Whatcom yesterday.

Mr. R. S. Coxon left last night for Vancouver after a short business visit to the city. He expects to be over here again at the end of the week.

Miss Margaret Honeyman, of Eden, Manitoba, arrived in the city last evening and is staying at the Dominion.

Mr. J. A. McDowell arrived in town last evening from Vernon in the Okanagan valley, and is staying at the Dominion.

Mr. W. J. Brandreth, of Ladner, the secretary of the Farmers' Institutes association, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Dominion.

Mr. John Dilworth, the veteran Orangeman of Kelowna, returned to the city last evening from Vancouver and is again registered at the Dominion.

C. C. Ibbotson left yesterday via the North Coast Limited for New York, whence he will sail on the White Star liner Adriatic on an extended trip to the Old Country.

Mr. Kenneth Elder, of Liverpool, England, has been spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Elliott. He is very favorably impressed with the great possibilities of this province.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bell Kirby and daughter, of Winnipeg, who have been the guests of Mr. Thompson Kirby, Gorge road, left yesterday on their return home.

Miss Macneal, of Cowichan Lake, is a guest at the King Edward hotel. She came in by the E. & N. at noon yesterday and expects to be here several days.

H. Hagan, of Ladysmith, was a passenger by the incoming E. & N. train at noon yesterday. He is making his headquarters at the King Edward hotel.

Among the passengers on the Princess Charlotte last night for Vancouver were: F. Butler, J. B. Morris, J. Johnson, M. S. Logan, A. B. McKenzie, E. C. Taylor, Miss Fraser, J. Cross, J. E. Fagan.

F. Parker, general agent of the Chicago and Northwestern line, with headquarters at Seattle, spent yesterday in the city on one of his regular business trips. He left last night for Vancouver.

Mr. and Miss Patrickson and Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Doncaster, from Belfast, Ireland, spent a few days in Victoria during a tour which they are making of western Canada and the United States and left yesterday for Seattle.

Mr. Wm. Sutherland, of the city of Winnipeg, and the popular representative in the provinces of the greater West of the Jas. Hart Manufacturing company of Brockville, Ont., arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Dominion.

Rev. Dr. McLaren, the general secretary of the Home Board of the Presbyterian church in Canada, left yesterday for the Terminal City to hold an important conference with the Presbyterian mission board of the province.

Thomas Black, president of the Great West Wire Fence company, is in the city in the interests of his company. He states the company's business on Vancouver Island is rapidly increasing. Mr. Jones, local agent of the company, will accompany Mr. Black when the latter leaves for the Mainland.

Silver King Mine Reopened
Nelson, Feb. 23.—Evidence of the revival of mining in the Kootenays is afforded by the fact that the old Silver King mine, adjoining Nelson has been reopened after being closed for two years. Some time ago men were put to work unwatering the mine, and an examination of the mine since this was done has disclosed large bodies of rich ore. As a result the compressor has been started and shipments to the Trail smelter will commence within a month, or as soon as the snow has left the ground, so that the tramway can be put into operation.

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TELEGRAPHIC LEAGUE

Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster Roll High Scores

The tabulated scores of the last telegraphic league bowling matches follow:					
Vancouver—	1	2	3	Tl.	Av.
K. Campbell...	194	147	189	530	177
E. C. Hockley...	182	191	212	585	195
R. Scott...	224	194	205	623	208
H. B. Harvey...	164	204	154	522	174
J. M. Hodge...	165	215	142	512	171
Totals	929	951	902	2782	927
Victoria—					
Jameson	193	212	194	599	199
Woods	174	169	172	515	172
Anderson	172	157	140	469	156
Brooks	181	160	129	470	156
Moran	116	177	191	484	161
Totals	836	875	826	2537	846
Westminster—					
Latham	173	174	140	487	162
Johndro	162	170	170	502	167
Gilchrist	154	177	156	487	162
Murchie	140	166	160	466	155
Willette	171	169	165	505	161
Totals	800	856	791	2447	816

Six Killed in Tornado
Marked Tree, Ark., Feb. 24.—Six persons were killed, more than a score injured and every building except two in Fisher was wrecked yesterday by a tornado. Wire communication in the devastated area is prostrated, and information was received by messenger.

Against Meat Trust
Washington, Feb. 23.—In an opinion by Justice White, the Supreme Court of the United States today upheld the validity of the Arkansas anti-trust law of 1905, which provides a penalty of from \$200 to \$500 for each offence and the forfeiture of the right to do business in the State. The decision was handed down in the case of the Hammond Packing company of Chicago, when it was charged with conspiracy with other packers to fix prices of meats in the State of Arkansas. The case originated in the circuit court of Arkansas, where a \$10,000 fine was imposed. That verdict was sustained by the Arkansas supreme court, whose finding was today affirmed. The defence attacked the constitutionality of the law on the ground that it impairs the obligation of the contract.

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- SAFETY MATCHES, pkt. of 10 boxes for... 5¢
- WHITE OR BROWN BEANS, four pounds for... 25¢
- Nine pounds for... 50¢
- TAPIOCA OR SAGO, 4 lbs. for... 25¢
- RICE FLOUR, four pound sack... 25¢
- READY CUT MACARONI, 2 pkts., 25¢
- SCOTCH CORN STARCH—3 pkts. 25¢

We do not advertise one day snaps, specials or bait, but give you a square deal on everything all the time

- TRAVERS' ENGLISH MIXED PICKLES OR CHOW CHOW, large 18-oz. bottle... 15¢
- ENGLISH WORCESTER SAUCE, ½-pint bottles, three for... 25¢
- LEA & PERRIN'S SAUCE, ½-pint bottle... 35¢
- Pint bottle for... 60¢
- CHIVER'S NEW MARMALADE, one pound glass jar for... 15¢
- CHIVER'S STRAWBERRY OR RASPBERRY JAM, one pound glass jars, two for... 35¢
- PINEAPPLE, 1½-lb. tins, two for... 25¢
- DAVIES' ASSORTED SOUPS, tin, 10¢

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- CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S MARMALADE, two pound tin for... 25¢
- CHICKEN TOMALES, fresh every day, each... 20¢
- VAN CAMPS PORK AND BEANS, two tins for... 25¢
- BAKER'S COCOA, ½ pound tin for... 30¢
- BIRD'S EGG OR CUSTARD POWDER, per package... 15¢
- JOHNSON'S CUSTARD POWDER, one pound tin for... 35¢
- GILLARD'S PICKLES OR RELISH, per jar... 35¢
- NICE FRESH GINGER SNAPS, three pounds for... 25¢
- PINEAPPLE, 1½-lb. tins, two for... 25¢
- DAVIES' ASSORTED SOUPS, tin, 10¢

- RAISINS, finest packed, Victoria brand, 16-oz. packet for... 10¢
- Eleven packets for... \$1.00
- FLUID BEEF, Johnson's 16-oz. bottle 90¢
- PURE MAPLE SYRUP, Pride of Canada, quart bottle... 50¢
- RAM LAL'S PURE INDIAN TEA—Blue Label, per pound... 35¢
- Blue Label, three pound tin for... \$1.00
- Gold Label, per pound... 50¢
- Gold Label, five pound tin for... \$2.25
- INDEPENDENT CREAMERY BUTTER, per pound... 35¢
- Three pound for... \$1.00
- PURE LARD, three pound tin... 50¢
- PICNIC HAMS, per pound... 12½¢
- ROYAL BRAND HAMS, per lb... 17¢

- BREAKFAST BACON, per pound. 22¢
- NICE ONTARIO CHEESE, per lb... 20¢
- EDAM CHEESE, each... 85¢
- McLAREN'S IMPERIAL CHEESE, per jar, 50c and... 25¢
- We Lead—We Never Follow
- COX'S GELATINE, per packet... 10¢
- TROPHY JELLY POWDER, four pkts. for... 25¢
- Per dozen packets... 70¢
- OGILVIE'S ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR, per sack... \$1.75
- RISE SUN FLOUR, per sack... \$1.65
- CREMO, very nice for breakfast, 10-lb. sack for... 45¢

- ROLLED OATS, 7-lb. paper bag... 35¢
- MALTA VITA, per packet... 10¢
- TOASTED CORN FLAKES, per pkt. 10¢
- Five pkts. for... 45¢
- NICE ISLAND POTATOES, sack, \$1.50
- SALMON, Star Brand, 2 tins for... 25¢
- SALMON, nice red, Yacht Brand, per tin... 15¢
- SHREDDED COCOANUT, per lb... 20¢
- SHREDDED WHEAT BISCUITS, per packet... 15¢
- SUPERFINE TOILET SOAP, nine cakes for... 25¢
- SAPOLIO, per cake... 10¢
- ROWAT'S ENGLISH VINEGAR, quart bottle for... 15¢
- OYSTERS, two cans for... 25¢
- JAM, Raspberry, one-pound glass jars, three for... 25¢
- FINEST CLEANED CURRANTS, 3 pounds for... 25¢
- NICE SWEET ORANGES, 2 doz... 25¢
- FRESH ROASTED PEANUTS, lb. 15¢
- TETLEY'S LOOSE TEA, 4 lbs. for \$1.00

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LYALL STREET—54 x 120. Price.....\$350	OAK BAY AVENUE—Corner Fell street. Price...\$770
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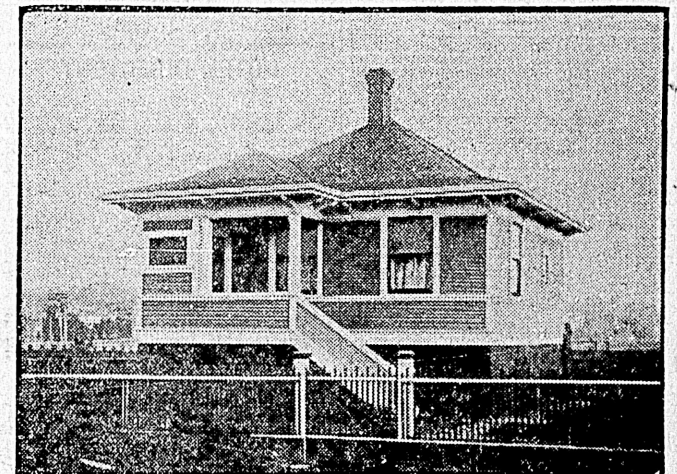
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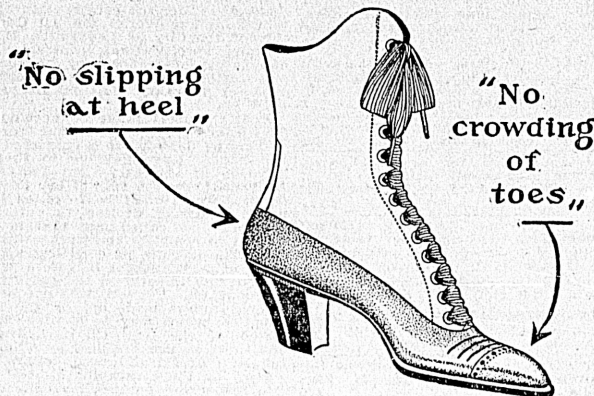
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These are odd lines and odd pieces that we have marked at these prices for quick clearance—

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SPRING JACKET, made of herringbone weave covert cloth, twenty-eight inches long in the back, with the sides cut to a point two inches longer, semi-fitted back trimmed with straps and buttons, front and sleeves trimmed with straps and buttons, roll collar and cuffs. Price**\$12.50**

SPRING JACKET, made of fawn covert cloth, semi-fitted back finished with cloth covered buttons, roll collar, and plain sleeve without cuff, finished with buttons. Price**\$6.75**

SPRING JACKET, made of plain fawn covert cloth, twenty-seven inches long, tight-fitting corset coat, plain coat sleeve with piping and cloth covered buttons, roll collar. Price**\$10.00**

SPRING JACKET, made of fawn covert cloth in a pretty striped design, loose back finished with covered buttons, now patch pockets, sleeves pleated at bottom and finished with buttons, roll collar. Price**\$10.00**

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Special Values at \$1.50, \$1.90 and \$2.50

We have some excellent Whitewear Values to offer for Today, some sample lines that we have picked out and grouped at these prices. They are all new garments and the very highest grade goods, and are in many cases less than half the regular figure. Our stock of Whitewear is now in the best possible shape for you to make your selections. The assortment is large and the values are the best shown for years. To buy now means that you get the largest assortment to select from.

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Special for today, each.**45c**

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\$30.00 Brussels Carpet Squares for \$19.75

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500 Yards English Body Brussels Carpets, in a large range of well blended colorings, in floral, Oriental and conventional patterns, with 5-8 borders and some with 3-4 stair to match.
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50 Brussels Carpet Squares, best quality carpet, in a large and varied selection of colorings and designs. Size 9 x 12 ft. Regular \$22.50 and \$24.50. Today**\$16.50**

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Clearing a lot, about thirty in all, of best grade Axminster Hearth Rugs, in a good selection of beautiful colorings. Size 36 in. x 72 in. Regular, each, \$7.50. Today**\$5.00**

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SPRING COAT, made of fawn covert cloth, in a pretty striped design, semi-fitted back, finished with straps of self, sleeves made with two tucks around bottom, flat collar inlaid with velvet, lined throughout with fawn satin. Price**\$25.00**

SPRING COAT, made of heavy fawn whipcord, in a fancy pattern, semi-fitted back, finished with strapping and covered buttons, front and sleeves also finished with straps and buttons, flat collar edged with braid. Price**\$15.00**

SPRING COAT, made of fine fawn venetian, forty inches long, semi-fitted back, trimmed with buttons, front also semi-fitted with the new Directoire pockets made of tuck cloth, plain sleeves with tucks and covered buttons at the wrist, roll collar, lined with sateen. Price**\$18.50**

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